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# **Economies Build Steam** In Germany and France

But in Britain, Bank of England Puts Up Interest Rates to Head Off Signs of Inflation

> By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Germany and France, the two economies at the heart of Europe's single currency, reported converging growth rates Thursday, with the German economy steaming ahead at the fastest pace since the country's 1990 unification.

In an unexpected contrast, the Bank of England stunned Brinsh manufacturing and financial industries with an unexpected quarter-point rise in interest rales as it tried to stamp out signs of inflatioo in an already slowing econ-

Leaders of British labor and industry criticized the move, saying it would hasten Britain down the path loward full

"It just tells you that the British cycle is at a completely different stage from the test of Europe, which is at the begining of a recovery," said Adolf Ro-

# French Workers Strike Railroad As Pilots Seem Closer to Deal

By Barry James

PARIS — Striking Air France pilots appeared to be closer to an agreement on Thursday that could avoid chaos during the World Cup soccer tournament next week, but rail workers walked out, and traffic in Paris was snarled as tens of thousands of disgruntled workers

staged protests in the capital. Unioo negotiators resumed talks with Air France management late Thursday after the pilots, at a general meeting, accepted the principle of trading part of their pay for shares in the company,

sources close to the pilots said. On the nation's railroads, a walkon by ticket inspectors demanding higher pay caused varying degrees of disruption. The workers declared a 30-hour strike beginning at 8 P.M. Thursday, causing the cancellation of up to two trains out of three on many lines. But the rail company, SNCF, said international TGV services to Britain, Belgium and Switzerland were operating normally.

Air France managed to operate one out of six of its long-range flights and more than 30 percent of domestic and medium-range flights as the pilots' strike continoed for a fourth day. A spokeswoman said the company had substituted large capacity aircraft on several routes to absorb demand. Some of the planes flew with empty seats on domestic routes, airline officials said, although international flights were

the fact to the management

completely booked. In the heated atmosphere preceding In the heated atmosphere preceding the World Cup, unions notched up the social tension in Paris. Electricity and gas workers, shipyard workers, department store staff, health, transport and building employees, and even the unemployed marched and protested in Paris.

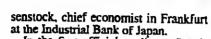
Traffic came to a honking gridlock as the protesters occupied the center of the city, singing and shouting slogans call-

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In the first official readings of their 1998 economic performances, France said its first-quarter gross domestic product had expanded 3.5 percent from the first quarter of last year, while Germany reported a first-quarter GDP growth rate of 3.8 percent, the highest

Based on those figures, activity in the Continent will most likely outpace British growth for the first time in five years, said Jan Hatzuis, economist in Frankfurt at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Britain has opted to remain outside the newly created bloc of nations united by the single currency, the euro, to be faunched in

In Britain, the manufacturing sector remains mired in recession, at least in technical terms with two consecutive quarters of downturn, making the interest-rate tightening oo Thursday virmally unexpected throughout London's financial center. Even Britain's robust services sector has showed signs of

Overall, treods in Germany and France — the two biggest economies in the future enro-currency zooe showed that the recovery on the Continent has gathered pace and that stagoant domestic economies have finally begun to show long-awaited signs of

"Finally, something is moving in the domestic economy," Mr. Rosenstock said. "Germany has been waiting for this for years.

The first-quarter figures for France showed sleady hut disappointing growth; economists said.

France's finance minister, Dominique Stranss-Kahn, said that the slump in Asia had slowed French exports. This shows the scale of the fallout from Asia, which had been predicted since the autumn, with exports almost stagnating in the first quarter," Mr.

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doctor lifting a blanket to check Thursday on the condition of a victim of the German train derailment. As rescue operations continued, some bodies were still believed to be in the wreckage.

# Albanians Warn of 'Open War'

Kosovo Leaders Withdraw From Negotiations With Belgrade

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Ethnic Albanian officials pulled out of talks with the Serbian government on Thursday, demanding a halt to a military offensive that has destroyed villages and sent thousands of

people flecing.
Some 12,000 people have already crossed into Albania, the Albanian Interior Ministry said.

Reeling under an influx of refugees fleeing the Serhian province of Kosovo, Albania has warned that the Serbian Army may be preparing to intrude into Albania itself to huot down rebels. Such an incursion would drag Albania directly into the Serbia-Kosovo

Meanwhile, the Albanian foreign minister, Paskal Milo, said that Kosovo was on the brink of "open war," and he urged the international community to get

tough with the Yugoslav leader, Slobodan Milo-

"The situation is on the eve of open war," Mr. Milo said in the Ukrainian resort of Yalta, where he was attending a regional summit. "Unfortunately, the Contact Group of countries has given Milosevic much more carrot than stick."

"The Albanian government has called on NATO, the OSCE, the UN and all our partners to decide as soon as possible a solution which will stop ethnic cleansing in Kosovo," he said, warning that the fighting was pushing ethnic Albanians from the province into neighboring Albania.

Germany urged a quick decision on whether to intervene. "NATO will be there to intervene this time

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# Big Powers Unite in Condemning Nuclear Tests

GENEVA — The five declared ouclear powers on Thursday urged India and Pakistan to halt further nuclear tests following their blasts last month that shocked the world.

In a joint communiqué issued at the end of an emergency meeting here, the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China also urged the two countries to stop producing and deploying nuclear weapons and to halt testing and deployment of missiles capable of

carrying onclear arms.
"The ministers agreed that quick action is occided to arrest the further escalation of regional tensions stimulated by the recent ooclear tests,"

therefore stop all further tests."

The five countries, which are also the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, called oo India and Pakistan to halt new production of fissile materials used to make nuclear weapons.

The communiqué urged India and Pakistan to participate in negotiations at the conference on disarmament in Geneva toward a treaty banning production of fissile material for nuclear ends. Despite their ouclear explosions, India and

Pakistan do oot have formal status as onclear powers, the foreign ministers added. The communiqué said the two countries could not be

Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which only recognizes Britain, France, Russia, China and the

United States as nuclear powers. The communiqué also urged India and Pakistan to immediately sign the 1996 Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Nonproliferation Treaty without any modification.

The Nonproliferation Treaty, the communiqué said, "is the cornerstone of the nonproliferation regime and the essential foundation for the pursuit of ouclear disarmament.

'Norwithstanding their recent nuclear tests,

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# Germany Pulls **60 Rapid Trains Out of Service After Big Crash**

Officials Still Uncertain of Cause Of Derailment but Cite Broken Wheel and Damage to Track

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

ESCHEDE, Germany — A day after Germany's worst postwar railroad crash killed at least 93 people, the authorities pulled scores of high-speed trains out of service following the discovery of a broken wheel on the express train and damage on the tracks.

"Every relevant part of these trains will be examined to exclude all risks," said Martin Katz, a

spokesman for German Rail. The company has 104 high-speed Inter-City-Express trains in its fleet and Mr. Katz said that those withdrawn were the 60 first-generation expresses in

service since 1991. Officials said that by Thursday night — before rescue workers reached the last wrecked cars — 91 people had died in the wreck and 2 others, railroad employees who were near the tracks at the time, had also been killed. The final tally could rise beyond 100,

The authorities have not said what caused the crash just before 11 A.M. Wednesday when Inter-City-Express 884, on its 500-mile (200-kilometer) journey from Munich to Hamburg, plowed into a road overpass

at 125 miles an hour. But investigators reported the first indications of

what may have caused the crash. The police said Thursday that damage to the tracks and debris of a train - not necessarily Inter-City 284 had been found some four miles south of the

That meant that the high-speed train may have derailed well before it hit the bridge, bringing hundreds of tons of coocrete crashing down onto the middle section of the train.

It would also mean that the speeding train's momentum carried the cars forward until they struck the

Johannes Ludwig, the head of German Rail, said Thursday that, since there 'may have been a prob-lem' with the chassis, the first-generation trains 'will go into the workshop and will not leave the workshop until we have found out if there is a problem."

He added that the second generation of express trains had different rolling gear and thus would not be

In a oewspaper interview to be published Friday, the transport minister, Matthias Wissmann, said he did not exclude the possibility that a wheel on the car directly behind the lead locomotive had broken and that "this

Officials said Wednesday that the locomotive had sheared from the rest of the cars, speeding alone and unscathed until an antomatic braking system halted it

2,000 yards beyond the overpass. Indeed, said a survivor, Wolf-Rudiger Schliebeoer, 'there was a funny ooise about two minutes before the crash. People looked frightened and we looked at each

other as if to say: Should we take it seriously?

But then the train went on quite normally without braking. I was writing at a table. Then it started again and I held oo tight." Other survivors have said they heard a loud noise before the speeding train slewed to

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A father and son at the Tiananmen rally on Thursday in Hong Kong.

# Clinton Wins a Round

High Court Deals Setback to Starr's Inquiry

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - In a significant victory for President Bill Clinton, the-Supreme Court on Thursday denied a request by the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, that it decide on an emergency basis whether White House attorneys and Secret Service agents can be compelled to testify about allegations that the president had a sexual affair and

sought to cover it up.

The White House cheered the decision, which followed a string of earlier legal victories for Mr. Starr, and which is certain at least to slow his investigation, and possibly to weaken it.

The petition for a writ of certiorari before judgment is denied without prejudice," the court said. "It is assumed the Court of Appeals will proceed ex-

peditiously to decide this case." The court, by denying Mr. Starr's request to bypass an appeals court, impedes the independent prosecutor's efforts to obtain testimony from a close presidential confidant, as well as from Secret Service agents whose proximity to the president might have made them

This could have the effect of making Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern with whom Mr. Clinton allegedly had an affair, even more important as a witness, even as she has secured the services of two prominent attorneys reportedly with the mission of reaching an immunity agreement with Mr. Starr for her testimony.

The victory for the White House appeared to validate the logic of its de-

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# Hong Kong Commemorates Tiananmen

Tens of Thousands Remember the Hundreds Who Died in '89 Massacre

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

HONG KONG - Nine years after Chinese troops massacred hundreds of student protesters at Beijing's Tianan-men Square, tens of thousands of people here in this newest and most democratic

corner of China gathered after dark in a rain-swept public park to commemorate those who died.

They showed that even under the flag of the Communist mainland, Hong Kongers remain independent and defigure

And in a demonstration of opposition to the closed political system on the mainland, the rally Thursday night was addressed by some of the most outspoken critics of the central government

in Beijing—exiled dissidents Wei Jing-sheng and Wang Dan speaking from the United States, and the labor activist Han Dongfang here. Mr. Wei's remarks were prerecorded, and Mr. Wang, a Tiananmen Square leader nine years ago, spoke to the crowd via a live tele-

phone hookup.

In the past, Chinese leaders have warned against Hong Kong being used as a "base of subversion" against mainland China and its Communist system. But st the rally the speakers urged Hong Kong to be exactly that, using its democratic freedoms as a model to eventually transform all of China.

"Hong Kong will be the bedrock of the democratic movement in China," Mr. Wang said, speaking in Mandarin to the Cantonese-speaking audience.

Mr. Wei, also speaking in heavily Beijing-accented Mandarin, said, "Even though Hong Kong is part of China, Hong Kong is playing a very important role in the democratization of China."

He added, "If Hong Kong people continue fighting for the democratic movement in China, the whole of China will ultimately benefit." Both Mr. Wei and Mr. Wang were

freed by Beijing in the run-up to President Bill Clinton's visit to China later this month. The Tiananmeo anniversary candle-

light vigil has become an annual tradition in Hoog Kong since the massacre in Beijing jolted this city into political

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#### AGENDA



RETURN TO FORM — Monica Seles during her 6-3, 6-2 victory Thursday over the top-seeded Martina Hingis in a French Open semifinal. Page 22.

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#### **Shuttle Discovery Collects** Last U.S. Astronaut on Mir

HOUSTON (AP) - The space shuttle Discovery docked with Mir Thursday to collect the astronaut Andrew Thomas in NASA's final linkup with the Russian space station.

Operating with an antomatic steering system that was repaired just days ago, Mir held steady as the shnttle commander, Charles Precount, guided Discovery toward the outpost 245 miles (395 kilometers) above the Earth. Mr. Thomas is the last of seven Americans to live on

## VW Sweetener for Rolls-Royce

In a late sweetener designed to enhance its offer for Rolls-Royce and preempt rival bidders, Volkswagen said Thursday that it would buy the Cosworth engine division of

Rolls-Royce's parent company, Vickers.

For Volkswagen, whose bid is already the highest on the table for Rolls-Royce, the move undercut the strategies of its two rivals and made the German cannaker the favorite to win the battle Friday. Page 15.



# Wine Scandal Shakes Bordeaux

By Frank J. Prial New York Times Service

"N WHAT could become France's higgest wine scandal in decades, one of Bordeaux's most prestigious wine properties, Chateau Giscours, has been charged with fraudulent winemaking practices.

One of the current winemakers and a former managing director of the chateau's wine operations have been indicted for fraud by a Bordeaux mag-

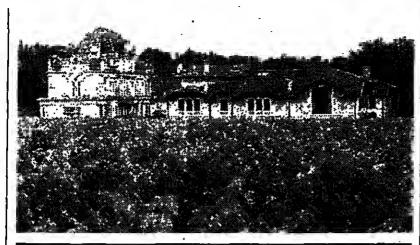
According to the charges, disclosed earlier this week, cheap wine from another district was added to the chateau's wine, wine from two different vintages were blended, sugar was added to the wine to raise the alcohol content, and wood chips were used to give some of the chateau's wine the taste and smell of wine that had been aged in oak barrels.

Giscours, one of the largest estates in the Medoc, was one of the 61 chateaux --- out of thousands in Bordeaux - that were iocluded in the 1855 classification which remains the standard by which presoge Bordeaux wines are known.

The investigation had been under way since 1996, when a disgruntled former employee at the chateau told investigators from the government agency known as the Service de Fraude that cheap wine had been mixed with the chateau's presoge vintage wine and that sugar, water and certain acids had been added to some vats of the 1995 vintage, then in the chateau's cellars.

The investigation stemming from those charges took more than two years because, according to the Bordeaux prosecutors, experts had to es-tablish whether these practices were a one-time affair or standard procedure

at Giscours. According to a report in the Bor-deaux newspaper Sud-Ouest, the ex-perts concluded that fraudulent techniques, presumably aimed at saving money and artificially enhancing taste, had been used over a period of years. It was while investigating the charges that Giscours had put oak chips or staves in its wine - to fake the taste of barrel-aging — that other



A disgruntled former employee says the chateau, above. has put additives and cheap wine in its vintages.

irregularities were discovered, according to press reports in Paris. The frand investigators informed the pros-ecutor's office in Bordeaux, which issued the indictments.

The winemaking process in France is strictly regulated, and wine sold under various quality labels must meet the production and handling requirements for those labels.

In recent years, Giscours had loomed larger than many of its peers in Bordeaux, in part because of its size - it is one of the largest wine properties in the region — in part because its wines were usually of good quality and reasonable price, and in part be-cause of the tireless promotional ef-forts of its owner in the 1970s and '80s, Pierre Tari.

R. TARI, dynamic and articulate, traveled the world selling his wine, headed various professional organizations in Bordeaux, and eveo fielded his own polo team at Giscours. He much preferred to be photographed with a polo mallet than with a glass of wine.

The charges against Chateau Giscours came at what coold be a critical time for Bordeaux. Prices for Bordeaux wines have reached levels un-

dreamed of even a decade ago. prompting accusations of greed and arrogance against the chateau owners and the exporters who serve as middlemen for much of the Bordeaux's most expensive wines.

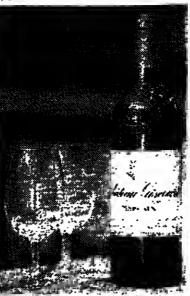
Citing the Giscours affair, several French wine commentators noted that when one property is accused of fraud, suspicion quickly falls on the entire region.

They recalled the scandals of 1972 and 1973 in which one of the most famous exporters, the Cruse firm, was found guilty of offeoses similar to those with which Giscours is

In the aftermath, the entire Bordeaux market collapsed. Other export firms went hankrupt, chateaux were shuttered or sold, and the wine business did not recover until the end of the decade.

The Tari family moved to Bordeaux in 1952 from Algiers, where they had made a fortune in wine-making. When they bought Giscours that year, it had been neglected for years. Only about 20 of its 750 acres were still planted in vines. They improved the property and produced some excelleot wines.

Because of long-standing family disputes, the quality of the wine



suffered in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and the family sold the vine-yards in 1995 to a Dutch investor, retaining the chareau.

Differences among the Taris were said to be so pronounced that Pierre Tari communicated with his father, Nicolas, who preceded him as head of Giscours, and his daughter, Nicole, who succeeded him, and who both live at the chateau, only by fax.

OTH THE elder Tari and Nicole opposed the sale and have retained the chateau and part of the estate. One chateau employee told Le Moode that the family fend cost the father and daughter almost \$20,000 a month in lawyers' fees.

The new owner, Eric Alhada Jelgersma, is said to know little about wine and rarely visits Bordeaux. He is said to have maked to the examining magistrate in Bordeaux, the equivalent of a prosecutor in the United States, but was not charged.

Chateau Giscours wines are generally respected by the critics, both in France and in the United States, but they have not been singled out for exceptional praise for many

years.

Commenting on the 1996 vintage, which is now on the market, the critic Robert Parker Jr. wrote last year. "A commercial style of winemaking has resulted in a deep ruby-colored 1996 Giscours that is forward, soft and fruity but lacking class, complexity

# **UN Prolongs Briefing** On Saddam's Weapons

Security Council Shown Secret Photographs

By Barbara Crossette

UNITED NATIONS, New York -Armed with spy-plane and satellite photographs never before shown to diplomats, United Nations arms inspectors bave given the Security Council evidence that they have gathered in an attempt to counter Iraq's contentions losing interest in Iraqi sanctions after that it has disarmed and deserves to have sanctions lifted.

The French, Russians and Chinese,

An unexpected second day of brief-

An unexpected second day of briefings was held Thursday.

The U.S. representative, Bill Richardsoo, said he was encouraged by the presentation, which began while a small group of American protesters marched outside the UN headquarters and called for an end to the embargo that was imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. The United States and Britain are the strongest advocates on the council for cootinned sanctions.

"Iraq has been dealt a devastating

"Iraq has been dealt a devastating hlow to its credibility," Mr. Richardson said after several hours of seeing graphic projections and photographic evidence relating to President Saddam Hussein's loog-range missile program. "I think Iraq had a bad day here."

Detailed hriefings on the Iraqi bi-ological and chemical weapons programs were given Wednesday in what was to be the concluding session of a special meeting called to lay out a "road map' toward the end of sanctions.

Bot the Security Council president for June, Antonio Monteiro of Portugal, adjourned the meeting just before 6 P.M. and scheduled the second day of briefings to hear about Iraqi methods of coocealing evidence.

The council will also be told about the range and importance of documents that are missing from Baghdad's accounts of its programs.

The meetings began with a geoeral history of the experience that the UN Special Commission has had with Mr. Saddam's government. Since 1991 the inspectors have been charged with eliminating Iraqi weapons of mass destruc-

Inspectors recalled the breakthrough of 1995, when the defection of a soo-inlaw of Mr. Saddam led to the finding of considerable evidence that Iraq had been concealing. That came to light just as

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some inspectors were confident that they were nearing the end of their

Diplomats described the unusually detailed technical presentation on the missile system as useful but said that in was too soon to know whether the pro-ceedings had changed minds on the 15member council, which seems to be

considered to be the countries most sympathetic to Iraq, asked probing questions, diplomats said.

The three countries have put the inspectors under considerable pressure to find new violations or end the disarmament process of their work and gradu-ate Iraq to long-term monitoring

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#### U.S. Condemns 2 Terror Bombings In Iranian Capital

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WASHINGTON — The United States oo Thursday condemned two. rebel bomh attacks in the Iranian capital. Tehran, in which three people were killed and six wounded.

The State Department noted in a-statement that People's Mujahidin, the group that took responsibility for the attacks, was included on the U.S. list of

attacks, was included on the U.S. list of terrorist organizations.

"We offer our condoleoces to the victims," the statement said. "The United States government reiterates its strong condemnation of any and all terrorist attacks wherever they occur."

The rehel group quickly responded in

The rebel group quickly responded in a statement from its Paris office, accusing the State Department of trying to please the Iranian government.

One explosioo, the first of two in Tehran on Tuesday, killed three people at an Islamic Revolutionary court-

Iran's official press agency, IRNA, said a second explosioo occurred Tuesday night in a military industrial building in the capital, without causing cas-

# Ethiopian Backs Peace Plan on Border

Ethiopia said Thursday that Africa. he had accepted a peace plan clashes with Eritrea.

and Rwanda.

Mr. Zenawi said Ethiopia "fully accepts" the peace plan, but he ordered his country's defense forces to "take necessary measures against repeated aggressions of the Eritrean government and to safeguard the territ-

hrial integrity of the coun-The U.S. and Rwandan governments undertook a meat the request of the two sides.

The conflict has steadily es-

The four-point plan was between Ethiopia and Eritrea and small arms. proposed by the United States said earlier that Ethiopia There were

diation effort two weeks ago any Eritrean response to the

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ADDIS ABABA — Prime ing fears it could create a new Minister Meles Zenawi of war zone in the the Horn of Development in the Hor Africa. shells, witnesses said. Rwanda echoed An American official try- Ethiopian and Eritrean troops cerns on Thursday. aimed at ending border ing to oegotiate a peaceful also battled for most of the

would be prepared to accept a joint U.S.-Rwandan proposal

Zenawi has indicated to me that he would be prepared to accept the proposal after coosulting his government." the official. Susan Rice, assistant

to defuse the conflict. Prime Minister Meles

secretary of state for African affairs, said at a oews con-Ms. Rice did not mention

On Wednesday, Ethiopian

about casualties.

The head of the Organization of African Unity urged African leaders on Thursday to throw the weight of the pull the two countries back from the hrink of war.

meeting of African foreign ministers ahead of the OAU summit meeting next week in since 1991." Burkina Faso, urged the two sides to end border skirmishing and find a peaceful solu-

oon to their differences. "They owe it to their 

the two-day meeting.

I wish to, once again, appeal to the leaders of both countries to exercise maxithe fightiog and explore all aveoues for an early and peaceful solution to the crisis." he said.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman, "established colonial James Rubin, said the U.S. and international law." was "gravely concerned"

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Rwanda echoed the con-

ficult effort to achieve a peaceful outcome." the

Rwandan Foreign Ministry said in a statement in Kigali. "Having excellent relacontinent behind efforts to tioos with the governments of all the two countries back both Eritrea and Ethiopia," the statement said, "Rwanda Secretary-General Salim and the United States sought

Ahmed Salim, addressing a to encourage both parties to protect peace that has taken root in the Horn of Africa The Rwandan vice presi-

dent and defense minister, Major General Paul Kagame, has traveled to Addis Ahaha and Asmara for talks.

said at the opening session of areas, has insisted that it is not occupying any Ethiopian territory and claims that its troops are on Eritrean land, as determined , hy boundaries mum restraint, to put an end to traced by Italy when it occupied Eritrea in 1885.

The proposal calls on both parties to "swift and hind-ing" delimitation of their border in accordance with "established colonial treaties (AFP, AP, Reuters)

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U.S. Warns on Travel to Indonesia WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The State Department has told U.S. citizens to delay all nonessential travel to Indonesia, saying

that the political and economic situation is still unsettled. Americans in all parts of Indonesia should employ caution "We are gravely con- and avoid large crowds, demonstrations, and other activities settlement to a border dispute day with artillery, mortars between Ethiopia and Eritrea and small arms.

cerned by the resumption of that could place them inadvertently at risk," the department hostilities in recent days, said in a travel warning issued late Wednesday. Washington which will render more different and small arms. their families from Indonesia in May.

Citing the possibility of robbery and two cases of expaniates being killed after entering taxis, the department counseled Americans to hire taxis from lines at major hotels or to call a taxi company, rather than hailing them on the streets.

#### Vienna to Provide 2,500 Bicycles

congestion io the city center by supplying 2,500 bicycles free television cartoon series, an airline spokesman said.

of charge starting next year, an organizer of the project said. People will be required to make deposits for the bicycles by inserting a coin into a lock, a system similar to those used for supermarket shopping carts. The bikes will be available at 220 collection points, mainly in the city center, where traffic is heaviest. They will be marked "Free" to deter theft.

Spanish air traffic controllers reached a preliminary agreement with the airports authority AENA and pledged that there would be no more work-to-rule protests like the two-day slowdown that paralyzed airports last week.

Cyprus Airways workers called off a 24-hour strike that had been scheduled for Friday, after talks were set for late Thursday on wages and beoefits, said an official of Cynika, the union the represents half of the airline's employees. (AFP).

VIENNA (AFP) — Authorities in Vienna hope to ease traffic decorated with characters from the popular "Pokemon"

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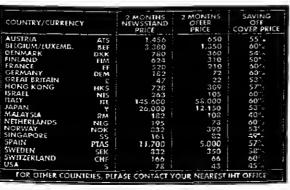
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request by the company to conduct similar tests in

The go-ahead represents a major turning point in the agonizingly difficult, decade-long effort to develop and test a vaccine against AIDS. Of the dozens of other experimental AIDS vaccines developed over the years, none have ever been

deemed worthy of such a large, expensive test.
Several expens caunoned that the milestone was

International AIDS Vaccinc Initiative, a Washington-based nonprofit organization. "The only failed trial is one that gives no answers."

Although new medicines have recently led to a decline in AIDS deaths, their long-term usefulness remains unknown, and they are unaffordable to many — especially in developing countries, where 90 percent of new infections are occurring. For those reasons, health officials agree that an effective

less than perfect vaccines — or placebos — may wrongly assume they are protected, and so may increase their risk-taking behavior and foster the spread of the AIDS virus, HIV.

The AIDSVAX vaccine, made by VaxGen of South San Francisco, is to be tested in 5,000 gay men currently uninfected with HIV and in beterosexual couples with one infected partner. Twothirds of the volunteers will get injections of the vaccine every six months for three years, and one-

oo evidence that the vaccine was safe and was not an indication of the agency's confidence that it will

VaxGen's president, Donald Francis, said he was confident the vaccine would be at least somewhat effective. "The question," he said, "is how effective."

Other scientists familiar with the product said they believed the answer was, "Not very.

# Voters Say 'No To Neophytes Voters Say 'No' And the Rich In California

By Dan Balz

LOS ANGELES - Politicians have spent much of the 1990s running away from their resumes to avoid the wrath of the angry voter. But if California is any guide at the midpoint of this midterm election year, the bias against politicians has begue to fade, and government

experience may actually be an asset. Political experience trumped money in the two premier primaries in California on Tuesday. At the same time, government experience triumphed

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over business experience. With the booming economy draining much of the anger from the electorate, voters here furned their backs on wealthy political novices who promised big changes in favor of plodding insides who offered competence and continuity.

Al Checchi, a business executive, spent perhaps \$40 million of his owo money pursuing the Democratic gubernatorial comination and ended up a distant secood to Lieutecant Governor Gray Davis.

Mr. Davis also defeated another selffinanced millionaire, Representative Jane Harman of Los Angeles, and he will now face Attorney General Dan Lungren, a Republican, in the race to succeed the reoring Republican governor, Pete Wilson, in the fall:

In the Republican Senate campaign. the state treasurer, Matt Foog, was heavily outspeot hy another business exway. He will face Senator Barbara Boxer, a Democrat, in November.

The results of Tuesday's primaries underscored how much the political environment has changed. Six years ago, this state belped propel Ross Perot into the presideotial race and sent two Democratic women to the Senate. Two years later, California symbolized an election year shaped by anger, conservative ideology and money, and Republicans captured the House and the Senate.

California loog has been a political treodsetter, and there may be clues from Tuesday's primaries to the forces at work this year. But some analysts warned against jumping to conclusions, particularly about the role of money and negative advertising.
At one time, voters had a bias in favor

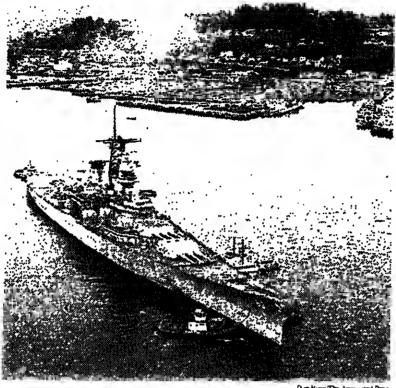
of candidates with a business background, believing they had the kind of executive skills needed to make govemment more efficient.

But the Perot campaigns of 1992 and 1996 and the 1994 Senate campaign by Michael Huffingtoo, the Republican who speot about \$30 million of his own money in an unsuccessful effort to unseat Senator Dianne Feinstein, belped change that in California.

Because of the high cost of cam-paigns, both policical parties have sought to recruit candidates who can finance their campaigns. But as Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political analyst at Claremont College put it: "Money can buy admission to the arena, but it can't

buy the game."

Mr. Checchi's barrage of negative ads worked effectively in destroying Ms. Harman's campaign after she had surged into a lead. But the three-way primary proved Mr. Checchi's undoing. His ads not only hurt Ms. Harman, they also produced a backlash against Mr. Checchi. Mr. Davis, who stayed out of the early exchanges because he bad less money, became the beoeficiary. Mark States has a long memory about ter-DiCamillo of the independent Field Poll in California explained: "In a three-way contest, flinging mud against one of the opponeous can be misguided if there's a third candidate voters can go to."



HEADING TO SEA — The battleship Missouri being towed into the Columbia River in Astoria, Oregon, as she begins her trip to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to join the sunken battleship Arizona in a World War II memorial. Japan surrendered on the deck of the Missouri.

#### **Away From Politics**

• Douglas Edward Gretzler, who admitted killing 17 people during a 21-day rampage across Arizona and California, apologized for the slayings moments before he was executed by lethal injection in Florence, Ari-

 The howl of wolves will be heard in northern New Jersey in mid-July for the first time in at least 200 years, when the second U.S. refuge for wolves opens across the region's stretch of the Appalachian Trail and upper reaches

 The threat of more haze from cootinuing fires in Mexico and Central American persuaded the Texas eovironmental agency to reissue a health alert a week after it was lifted. Smoke is expected to continue to shroud the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

· An 11-year-old boy accused of beating up and sexually assaulting a 3-year-old girl in Dalias said he hit her but denied any sexual abuse. (Reuters)

· A Border Patrol agent in Arizona was shot to death while trying to arrest five suspected marijuana smugglers. Alexander Kirpnick, 27, was shot in the head after he and his partner had stopped the suspects and Mr. Kirpnick

# U.S. Seizes Palestinian Wanted in '82 Bombing

By Roberto Suro and Bill Miller Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Nearly 15 years after he was first hunted by U.S. law enforcement officials, a Palestinian alleged to have been among the most skillful Middle East terrorists of the 1980s was secretly bundled out of Egypt and flown to the United States to face charges in a federal court here.

Mohammed Rashid, 51, pleaded oot guilty Wednesday to a nine-count in-dictment on charges of murder, sabotage and other crimes in the midair bombing in 1982 of a Pan Am flight bound from Japan to Honolulu that

killed ooe passenger and wounded 15.
Through most of the 1980s, Mr. Rashid allegedly helped lead a Palestinian terrorist group, based in Iraq, that specialized in making bighly sophis-ticated bombs. The "15th of May" organization typically recruited unwitting couriers to place the explosives oo planes or in public places and was linked to about 20 attacks.

'He was one of the most deadly Middle East terrorists during a very deadly era, and for a long time he was very successful at getting away with it," said Victoria Toensing, a counterterrorism official at the Justice Department during the Reagan administration. "Rashid's arrest shows that the United rorism.

As a matter of policy, cases involving terrorist acts against Americans overseas are kept open by the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of In- seot to Egypt.

vestigation even when oo active leads have developed for years. When a-sus-pect like Mr. Rashid has been identified and indicted for a crime, the cases are reacovated whenever the suspect's whereabouts become knowo.

In Mr. Rashid's case, U.S. officials knew for some time that he was in Egypt and recent diplomatic contacts generated some hope that the Egyptian government, which had detained Mr. Rashid, might allow the United States to take him into custody, according to sources familiar with the case. But word that the Egyptian authorities were ready to permit his arrest came as a surprise this week. A team of FBI ageots and a government plane were sent to retrieve him, sources said.

U.S. and Israeli officials have con-cluded that the 15th of May group was responsible for as many as 20 terrorist acts or attempted acts from 1980 to 1988. Eight persoos were killed and dozens wounded in attacks laid to the group.

With the help of a confessed 15th of May courier, Adnan Awad, who entered the U.S. witness protection program, an indictment was issued in 1987 for the

bombing of the Pan Am flight.
On a tip from U.S. intelligence, Mr.
Rasbid was arrested in Athens in 1988. but the Greek government rejected a U.S. request for extraditioo. After repeated delays and under considerable diplomatic pressure from Washington, the Greek authorioes tried Mr. Rashid in 1992 for the Pan Am bombing uoder an international anti-terrorism treaty and sentenced him to 15 years in prison. But he was released in December 1996 and

# Too Fat: 55% in U.S.

#### Optimal Weight Threshold to Be Lowered, Classifying More Americans as Overweight

By Sally Squires

WASHINGTON - The United States plans to change its government definition of what is a healthy weight, a move that would classify millions more Americans as being overweight.

Under the new guidelines, which bring the United States into line with the definition of overweight used by other countries as well as the World Health Organization, about 29 million Americans now considered normal weight will be redefined as overweight.

They will be advised to do everything they can to prevent further weight gain, Those who are already experiencing health effects, like as high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol or diabetes, will be encouraged to lose small amounts of weight — about 6 to 12 pounds (2.7 to 5.4 kilograms) — to bring them back to safer weight levels.

The move has been debated for months within U.S. public health circles, since the guidelines set the standard for doctors to care for the overweight and the obese. They also address such thorny questions as when diet and exercise alone should be used to shed pounds and when drug treatment should be considered and for whom.

With the oew guidelines, 97 million adults — nearly 55 percent of the U.S. population — would be considered overweight, placing them at increased risk of such health problems as diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol, heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure.

The guidelines use a measure called body mass index (BMI), which takes ioto account body weight and height to gauge total body fat in adults. Under the new guidelines, people with a BMI of 25 to 29.9 are considered overweight. For example. at 5 feet 3 inches (1.6 meters), adults who weighed 141 pounds or more would be overweight, while those who are 5 feet 11 inches would be considered obese at 215 pounds. 'We felt that the record was clear and

the risk was there," said Xavier Pi-Sunyer, a leading obesity researcher who was chairman of the expert panel that wrote the guidelines for the Na-tional Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which is part of the government's Na-tional Institutes of Health. "We felt that we owed it to physicians and their pa-tients to alert them to this fact, although it doesn't mean that everyone oeeds to go oo a diet."

The new guidelines are designed to public on June 17

try to reduce the health problems caused by weighing too much, an increasing problem in the United States.

But critics say that the new guidelines would classify people as overweight who are not really facing a significant health risk because of their current size. They also worry that the new guidelines would unnecessarily stigmatize overweight people, who are already often struggling to win the battle of the

Those at odds with some parts of the guidelines also fear that they will open the door to wider use of diet drugs.

The guidelines call for diel drugs to be prescribed in ways consistent with Food and Drug Administration stan-dards, that is, at a BMI of 27 when other risk factors such as diabetes or high blood pressure are also present. When no other risk factors occur, diet drugs should be reserved for use by those who have a BMI of 30 or more, according to the guidelines.

But obesity expens worry that by changing the definition of being overweight, doctors will be tempted to pre-scribe diet drugs sooner to belp padents lose uowanted pounds.

"I want to make sure that the treatment of obesity with drugs is balanced by the risk for being obese or over-weight," said Judy Stern, an obesity researcher at the University of Cali-

researcher at the University of California at San Diego, and the only member of an NIH advisory panel to vote against endorsement of the guidelines.

"It is a slippery slope," she said. "If the guidelines go out the way they are, there will be a big push to lower the BMI at which we treat with drugs and that's not justified, given the curreot drugs."

One of the most vocal critics of the One of the most vocal critics of the

guidelines has been C. Everett Koop. the former surgeon general, who has questioned lowering the cutoff point for what is considered overweight "We have so many overweight and

obese people in this country and we are trying desperately to get them down to weights that will be more protective," said Mr. Koop, whose organization, Shape Up America!, issued its own weight guidelines in 1996.

"This makes it more complicated," he said. 'I worry that people will say: 'This goes too far. I quit.' I think it is like someone being in a race and saying they moved the goal line."

The panel spent three years formulating the guidelines. The final document is scheduled to be officially made

#### Timber Industry To Lose a Subsidy

POLITICAL NOTES

WASHINGTON --- After years of hitter dehate over logging on public lands, House Republican leaders have agreed to end one of the federal government's long-standing subsidies for the timber

industry.

For decades, companies that harvest logs from national forests bave been able to offset the costs of roads that they first must carve into the woods. In compensation for those road-building expenses, the Forest Service has given the companies credits that have been used to reduce the price for trees taken from public lands.

For years, environmental advocates and opponeots of government subsidies for businesses have fought the practice as economically wasteful and ecologically fool-hardy. Quite apart from the log-ging, the forest roads break up wild-life habitat and promote erosion that scars the land and fills clean streams with sediment, environ-

mental groups say.

Republican lawmakers on both sides of the debate decided it was time to concede victory to the industry's opponents and to accept the Clinton administration's proposals to end the subsidy program, which is known as the timber pur-chaser road credit. (NYT)

#### White House Pets Planning Books

NEW YORK --- More tails from the White House: First pets Socks and Buddy are venturing into publishing, Actually, Hillary Rodham Clinton will do the work compiling letters from children to the family's

cat and dog with 50 to 60 pictures of the pets into a book called "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy." Simon & Schuster will publish the book in November, the com-pany said Wednesday. Linda Kulman, a Washington journalist, will belp write it

Mrs. Chaton will write an introduction emphasizing the impor-tance of writing to the intellectual development of children.

She will receive oo advance, and her earnings will go to the National Park Foundation, a nonprofit partner of the National Park Service. Simon & Schuster also will donate part of its proceeds to the fouo-

#### A Nod From Bush

SINGAPORE - George Bush. the former U.S. president, said Thorsday that he approved of President Bill Clinton's planned visit to China and his renewal of its mostfavored-nation trade status. Both Clinton moves are under fire from many of Mr. Bush's fellow Republicans.

On Mr. Clinton's planned visit to China from June 25 to July 3, Mr. Bush said, 'It would be an important trip. Yes, it would he coo-

structive. Asked if he supported the low-est-tariff status for China, Mr. Bush said: "Absolutely. I fought hard for it when I was president, and I'm strongly in favor of it." (Reuters)

## Police in Mexico Raid Opposition-Run Village

NICOLAS RUIZ, Mexico - Hundreds of police raided an opposition-run village in the southern Mexico state of Chiapas, firing tear-gas canisters and detaining 147 people,

Most of those seized Wednesday were freed later, but justice officials said 16 detainees remained in custody. About 400 police stormed the village of Nicolas Ruiz, 370 miles (600 kilometers) southeast of Mexico City, because the leftist Party of the Democratic Revolution, which governs the town, bad expelled a number of families that support the national ruling party, state officials said.

Villagers battled the police briefly with sticks and stones before scores of residents were led away to police vans, Arelly Madrid, undersecretary for internal affairs in the state, said at

a news conference.

Mr. Madrid said the leftist party had houoded 33 families from the village after they switched their political allegiance from the opposition to the Insolutional Revolutionary Party, which holds national cootrol.

Villagers said officials had exaggerated the number of families affiliated with the national ruling party and insisted that there were only 23, not 33 as the government said. None bad been expelled from the village, they said. Heads of families went of their owo accord to the state capital, but their families were not expelled, a local council member said.

Chiapas is Mexico's most politically explosive state. Zapatista rebels took up arms in the state in 1994 demanding improved rights for Mexico's 9 million Indians.

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# The Lure of Autonomy in Indonesia

## Hinterland's Calls for Change Are Mixed With Fear of Intolerance

By Keith B. Richburg

DENPASAR, Indonesia - There are rumblings of discontent in Indonesia's

As the country embarks on a new era of democracy and reform, the provinces are sending reminders that they, too, participated in the popular uprising that toppled the Suharto regime last month.
Their students marched, their polit-

ical activists were tear-gassed by riot policemen, and now they want a say in the new political order.

What the provinces want most is more control in managing their own affairs. What they fear is that traditional tolerance of differences may not survive the shift to a democratic political system.

There is enormous religious, ethnic and regional diversity across this sprawling archipelago of 13,500 is-lands. More than 90 percent of Indonesia's 204 million people follow Islam, but there are also Christians, Hindus and animists. Here on the island of Bali, 93 percent of the people are Hindu, a throw-back to A.D. 400 when the first Hindu kingdom was established on Java.

During his 32 years in power, Suharto bequeathed to Indonesia a legacy of religious tolerance, a strong sense of na-tional unity and an Indonesian identity built around a common language. But he also left behind an overly centralized power structure with its seat in Jakarta, and the feeling that out of all the scattered islands that make up this unlikely nation, Java was the first among equals.

"Having a multiethnic enlure means

we are all Indonesians," said Luh Ketut for more regional autonomy might be Suryani, a psychiatrist and Balinese activist. "But Subarto tried to make us all uniform, so you can't differentiate Jakarta from Surabaya from Denpasar." "We say that colonialism now comes

from our own people," she said. "Not only Balinese say that In Timor, in Sulawesi, people also say so. Every-thing comes from Java."

We feel like a stepchild," she said. The desire for change can be readily seen in Bali. A lively discussion about the future of Indooesia began one recent day with a Ibu Gedung Oka, 76, a retired English professor and longtime local activist, who sat cross-legged on a straw mat at a Hindn ashram. She has seen many phases of Indonesia's tumultuous 20th-century history, and she strongly believes that the country's disparate islands must stay united.

"We are born to stick together." she

But for many Balinese, like her and her group, the island is being exploited by the central government on Java, which sees Bali's growing tourism as one of the country's most lucrative foreign exchange earners. In the government's race to develop the island, Balinese fear they are losing much of their land, culture and identity. One way they feel they can protect themselves is through more autonomy.

Granting more autocomy means, among other things, ending the practice of provincial governors being appointed by Jakarta, allowing localities more say in how they raise and spend revenue and increasing local control over natural resources. But many fear that the stirrings

# Senior Indonesia Officers Die In East Timor Copter Crash

BAUCAU, East Timor -- Most of the senior Indonesian military officers based in East Timor died Thursday in a helicopter crash in which there were no survivors, military officials said.

Eleven people on board the Bell 205 helicopter were killed in the crash in heavy rain, and the lone survivor died in a hospital in Baucau before he could be transported to Dili, the East Timor cap-

Lieutenant Colooel Supadi, chief of staff of the East Timor military region, said the bad weather bad caused the

A military official involved in the rescue said the helicopter crashed after clipping trees in hills oear the village of Liaroka, about 200 kilometers (120 miles) southeast of Dili.
The head of the Udayana military

command, Major General Yudomo, was one of the victims, 'Colonel Supadi said. East Timor's army chief, Colooel Slamet Sidabutar, was also killed, along with other officers and

The officers were visiting the new military regioo chief, General Yndomo,

The general took over as commander of the Udayana region, which stretches from the island of Bali to Timor, after his predecessor, Major General Syharir, was promoted to lead a special forces group. That was part of an army resbuffle

two weeks ago in the wake of the resignation by former President Suharto. Colonel Supadi said the helicopter exploded in flames after hitting a monn-

He said the accident had no connectioo with anti-Indonesian guerrillas

active in the area Jakarta still faces armed resistance in the former Portuguese colooy of East Timor, which it invaded in 1975 and declared as its 27th province the following year in defiance of the United Nations. The UN still regards East Timor as being administered by Portugal.

the first step down the slippery slope to separatism. Once separatism explodes or erupts, it means you have another Yugoslavia," said Christianto Wibisono, director of the Indonesian Business Data Center and a Jakarta political commentator.

Like Yugoslavia or the former Soviet Union, modern-day Indonesia is a bit of a hybrid, created out of the imperial expansion of successive Javanese kings and then consolidated by the Dutch, who added Bali to their island empire in 1906. Predominantly Catholic East Timor, a Portuguese colony, became a part of Indonesia after Suharto's troops invaded it in 1975 and annexed it a year later, sparking worldwide condemnation.

Indonesia's unlikely coming together has given the country a long history of separatist and insurgency movements, from the rebels of mineral-rich Irian Jaya to the East Timorese resistance. There have been secessionist moves in Sulawesi, and in the 1950s an idea was floated about a separate Sumatran state, though it never gathered much momeotum. A few exiles in the Netherlands still champion an "independent republic of the Moluccas." Also, questions persist about Aceh in the far western corner, where many residents adhere to a less tolerant brand of Islam.

Some believe that the inability of any of those movements to succeed or garner wider support suggests that now might be the time to begin experimenting with a hit more provincial autocomy.
"I think we have overcome what the

Soviet Unioo had to go through, because we've already gone through a long period when nearly every region in Indone-sia has tried unsuccessfully to separate itself," said Marzuki Darusman, a member of the Indonesian Human Rights Commission in Jakarta.

In Bali, there seems to be strong support for Indonesian unity and little sympathy for suggestions that the island might consider independence.

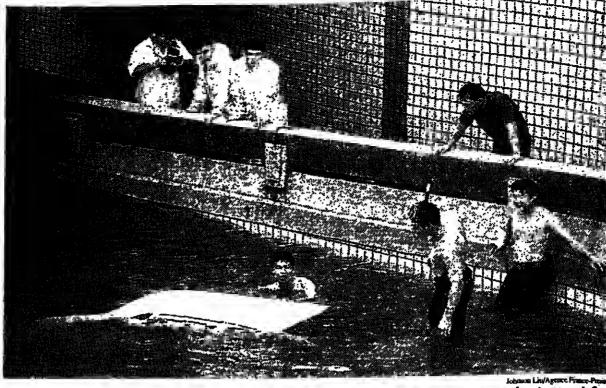
"Regionalism here, in political terms, in cultural terms, in economie terms, is very, very weak," said an economist and a member of Ibu Gedung Oka's Hindu ashram discussion group.

The biggest complaint on Bali, and the one fueling the demands for greater autonomy, is that most of the money generated from tourism goes to the central government in Jakarta. But beneath the desire for more au-

tonomy is a fear that Indonesia could experience a resurgence of Islam that might erode the country's traditional tolerance. Several people expressed concerns about President, B. J. Habibie, who made his relitical base in a several people of the president of the pr his political base in a group of Muslim intellectuals, and who has lately been taking advice on his reform proposals mostly from Muslim clerics and scholars.

We are worried about fuodamentalism," said Bayu Mahendra Nyoman, 25, a medical school student. "They use Islam, saying if you are against Habibic, you are against Islam."

#### BRIEFLY



FLOODING IN TAIWAN - Rescue workers in Kaohsiung, in southern Taiwan, preparing to search for people trapped in a submerged car at an underground garage that was flooded after a night of heavy rain.

#### Kim's Party Leads In Local Elections

SEOUL - President Kim Dae Jung's ruling party appeared headed toward a lopsided victory Thursday in local elections seen as a referendum on his first 100 days in office.

While the elections had no direct bearing on national politics, Mr. Kim and his opponents saw the balloting as a vote oo the presideot's efforts to re-

surrect the sagging economy.

Mr. Kim had urged a wide show of support on the eve of his departure for the United States, where he will seek support and investment for his restruc-

turing program.
With between 30 percent and 70 percent of the votes counted, Mr. kim's coalition-government candidates were leading in 10 of 16 key mayoral and gubernatorial races — including the fierce battle for Scoul, the capital, where 12 million people live.

But turnouts were low. The election

watchdog committee estimated the turnout at 51.4 percent of the 32.5 million eligible voters, the lowest in oearly four decades.

(AP)

# Quake-Hit Village Gets First Food Aid

FAIZABAD, Pakistan - Some survivors in remote mountainous oorthern Afghanistan received their first food Thursday since a earthquake last week-end killed an estimated 5,000 people. The U.S. government donated two

helicopters with a capacity of 20 tons each to bring emergency food from central Asia. They were expected to join the aid operation in Afghanistan in two or three days, said Rupert Colville, a UN spokesman.

In Kura-i-Pain, a village 25 kilometers (16 miles) north of Faizabad. village elders met a United Nations helicopter that touched down on a ridge. As the men unloaded the food and lifted flour sacks and oil canisters onto their shoulders. Abdul Aziz began to weep.
"We have been waiting for the plane

to bring some food," he said. "Our children are really starving." (AP)

#### North Korea Moves To Reduce Famine

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Suffering from widespread food short-ages, North Korea has agreed to relax its grip on its agriculture industry and allow small farmers to sell some of their crops in a free market.

The agreement came in a plan developed by North Korea and the UN Development Program and presented last week at a two-day conference in Geneva.

North Korea is asking for \$300 mil-

lion to implement the plan.

The goal is to gradually restore food production to pre-1995 levels and end

the Communist natioo's reliance on emergency humanitarian aid - estimated at \$2 hillion over three years. More significantly, UN officials say

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the agreement represents an acknowledgment by North Korea that its critical food shortage cannot be blamed entirely on floods and droughts — that the natioo's highly centralized agri-cultural system is also a problem.

"It's a different picture which is, emerging," Christian Lemaire, a UN representative based in North Korea, said. "They acknowledge changes they have to make."

(AP)

# Ex-Khmer Official Meets With King

PHNOM PENH - A former Khmer Rouge foreign minister, leng Sary, met King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia for talks in the oorthern towo of Siem Reap where the king has been staying, a palace official said Thursday.

leng Sary, who broke with the

Khmer Rouge and defected to the government in 1996, met King Sihanouk on Wednesday, the official said.

It was thought to be their first meeting in years, but the official gave no details of their talks.

leog Sary served as foreign minister and deputy prime minister after the Khmer Rouge took power in 1975. An estimated 1.7 million people perished during Pol Pot's rule, victims of starvation, hard labor or execution.

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# Braving a Ban, Fishermen in Mediterranean Continue to Use Drift Nets

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

sunset on a balmy evening in May, Salvatore Paradore prepared for another profitable night's fishing and threw his huge nels from the siem of the B. Colleoni into the Mediterranean. There was no wind. little moonlight and no doubt in the mind of the Italian skipper that soon he would haul in plenty of swordfish and tuna. But luck ran out for the

trawler from Sicily.
At the crack of dawn, a Spanish Navy vessel pulled alongside, detained the trawler and escorted it to a Spanish port. Mr. Paradore and his crew were held in custody aboard their vessel and accused of using illegal drift nets. Their gear and fish were confiscated.

The Spanish authorities said the boat was one of hun- of the Atlantic Ocean. dreds still using enormous drift nets, although nets longer not just for the animals but than 2.5 kilometers (1.5

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Set out at night, the nets PALMA, Majorca - After form a nylon wall in the water anywhere from 3 to 30 kilomeiers long and up to 15 meters (50 feet) deep, and allow a small crew to harvest tons of fish. But scientists and government officials have called the nets "walls of death" because they trap many species the fishermen do not want and every year kill thousands of seabirds and protected creatures like seals,

> The United States led a drive in the United Nations to ban the large drift nets and applied enormous pressure on Asian users, mainly Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, until they agreed to give them up. The ban look effect on June 30, 1992. But six years later the practice continues in much of the Mediterranean and parts

olphins and whales.

Those nets are a menace, also for the other boats that

Spain abolished its own drift nets, but foreign trawlers oflen come into the rich fishing grounds off the Balearic Islands, which at this time of year are brimming with

yachts and sports fishermen. "Boatmeo are scared because those nets cause a lot of accidents," Mr. Grimalt said. Propellers get tangled up in them and then boats have to be lowed ashore." The capture of the B.

Colleoni on May 17 and of a second Italian boat in Spanish waters on May 20 has drawn attention to the continuing defiance of the ban. By law, the U.S. govern-

ment must apply trade sanctions against countries using the banned nets. For the last three years, the State and Commerce Departments have put pressure on Italy but have preferred to avoid a confrontation that could mean a boycott of fish-related Italian exports. A State Department fisheries exmiles) are banned worldwide can't see them," said Jaime pert said that Italy had plans to

can ignore the 2.5-kilometer limit on nets because government monitoring is poor. And plans of several governments to scrap the nets, convert the vessels and pension off the oldest fishermen have been slow to be carried out. As a result, several Euro-

cean governments now want all drift nets banned, even the short, legal kind. But France, Italy and Ireland have been trying to block the move. Fisheries ministers of 15 European countries are expected to discuss the issue June 8. "We see these nets as such a

marine mammals that we have proposed a total ban," Filippo di Rohilant, spokesman for the European Commissioner for Fisheries in Brussels, said, adding that some nets still in use were up to 32 kilometers long, "We have to decide now if we want rules to conserve our resources or if we want the law of the jungle." This kind of argument an-

because of their devastating effect on marine ecology.

Grimalt, director of fisheries scrap the illegal nets and that confiscated the boat's nets there had not been enough said they were close to eight "credible evidence" to recommend sanctions.

> say Italy is by far the worst offender against the UN ban, which also became law in the European Union.

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Italy has some 650 trawlers using drift nets, they say, many of them of illegal length. Every summer for the last decade the trawlers have fanned out across the Mediterranean to hunt for the profitable swordfish and bluefin runa. More than 100 boats from

Morocco and Tunisia with illegal nets plow the rich fishing grounds off North Africa, although the governments deny this. About a dozen vessels from Britain and Ireland and about 40 from France use drift nets of both legal and illegal length in the Atlantic, European Union officials say.

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The main problem, they say, is that many boat owners

threat to the fish stock and the

gers Mr. Paradore and his five-man crew from Messina, Sicily, who were detained in the port of Palma aboard their vessel. They said they were waiting for a bank transfer to the bail of close to

Spanish authorities who

kilometers long, three times

the permitted size. Mr. Paradore said he had European Union officials cut the eight-kilometer net into three, each one of a legal size, but Spanish

authorities said this trick was not acceptable. Pacing the deck and venting his frustrations, the skipper went on: "We worked like crazy, and now we are ruined. Fishing is one of the oldest professions. Now it's suddenly a crime. It's not drift nets that ruin the

cities with their pollution." The fishermen showed disdain for people who fussed about endangered animals like dolphins. There are thousands of

dolphins everywhere," Mr. Paradore said. "They are the plague of the fishermen because they eat all the fish."

know how many jurtles, seals who has monitored fishing or cetaceans like whales, dolphins and porpoises live in the Mediterranean or what proportion are killed. Biologists

'Fishing is one of the oldest professions. Now it's a crime. It's not drift nets that ruin the sea. It's industries and cities with their pollution.'

who record large animals sea. It's the industries and the washed ashore say that in the western part of the sea they find several hundred a year, often with pieces of nets still caught over their heads or tails. The mammals that need to come up for air are most vulnerable

> "Once they get entangled, they can easily drown," said son why the French govern- Italy's port authorities.

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Experts say they do not Assumpta Gual, a biologist ment is against the European for Greenpeace, the environmental organization.

More is known about the Bay of Biscay, a coveted fishing ground in the Atlantic. The French govemmeor ordered a study of the impact of about 40 French vessels that were using drift nets 10 to 21 kilometers long. Observers found that between June and September of 1993 the vessels caught 85 perceni albacore tuna,

which was their target

species. Their unwanted

catch included 1,700 dolphins

and 80,000 blue sharks. Loic Anioine, a government biologist who took part in the study, said the dolphins killed represented about 1.5 That is not a high mortality

rate," he said.

proposal to ban even short drift nets for the French vessels. 'They represent about 1,000 jobs,' he said.

In Italy, many more jobs are at stake. Giuseppe Ambrosio, director of fisheries in Rome, said that about twothirds of Italian boat owners using drift oets had said they would be willing to convert to different technology with the

help of government grants. Mr. Ambrosio conceded that overfishing of swordfish was a problem. But be said Italian violations of the driftnet ban were few because the government was inspecting the boats.

This contrasted starkly with reports from Greenpeace, which used surveitlance aircraft and ships durpercent of the area's dolphins. ing its most recent campaign against drift netting and in May reported 14 Italian ves-Those results are one rea- sels using illegal nets to

A crew member on the Ionica, an Italian ship, being photographed by Greenpeace as he threw a knife at the group's boat. Greenpeace said the Ionica had come to aid the B. Colleoni during a confrontation with environmental activists. No one was hurt.

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# New Solzhenitsyn Book Assails Today's Russia EN-SUITE" APARIMO

He Turns His Fury on Post-Soviet Leaders

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MOSCOW - Alexander Solzhenjitsyn, the novelist whose words once made the Soviet Politburo tremble, published a fresh volume about life in the new Russia on Thursday. It is an acid treadse denouncing all that followed the Soviet collapse.

The new work, "Russia in the Abyss," is a slim 204 pages, printed in only 5,000 copies and selling for the ruble equivalent of \$1.60 in paperback and \$2.30 in hardcover.

 The small print run is a pointed contrast to the appearance of Mr. Solzhen-itsyo's first novel, "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," which caused a sensation when it was published in the literary journal Novy Mir in 1962 and printed by the hundreds of thousands.

Viktor Moskvin, bead of the Russky Put publishing bouse, which brought out the new book, said a second printing had already been ordered.

However small, the book is loaded with fury at what Mr. Solzhenitsyn portrays as the fools, criminals and re-formers who have led Russia since

Mr. Solzhenitsyn, 79, who returned to Russia in 1994, or 20 years after his expulsion hy the Soviet authorities, has made similar arguments about contemporary Russia in speeches and interviews here. Since returning from the United States be has also published a book, "The Russian Question at the End

of the 20th Century.'

But Russian society has met his stern critiques with indifference. His television show was canceled a few years ago and many young people are not in-terested in his views. His voice has been drowned out in the cacophony of the post-Soviet transformation.

There is nothing muted about Mr. Solzhenitsyn's criticism of what has bappened to Russia. For example, he takes on the free-market economic reformers whom President Boris Yeltsin -brought to office with a "sbock therapy" program in 1992, led by a young economist, Yegor Gaidar, who became prime minister.

"I will never put Gaidar next to Lenin, the height is too different," Mr. Solzhenitsyn writes. "But in one quality they are very similar - a fanatic, carried away hy his illusory idea and devoid of any responsibility for the state, takes a scalpel with a steady hand and inflicts multiple cuts on Russia's erament profounced him exonerated. body.

"And even six years later, one does not see confusion on this politician's face," he writes of Mr. Gaidar. "How he drove to poverty dozens of millions of his compatriots, having devalued their savings, thus destroying the foundaoon of the very 'middle class' that be swore to create.

"Criminal is the government that throws the national property up for grabs," he adds, "and its cirizens into the teeth of beasts of prey in the absence

"The people, still under the electric-current shock therapy, dumbfounded and belpless, sprawled, were crushed by this unprecedented robbery." Mr. Solzhenitsyn says.

Mr. Solzhenitsyn came back to Russia on a transcontinental train ride from the Far East to Moscow. He writes that across the country people urged him to carry the story of their plight to the lower house of Parliament, the State Duma.

He did. "For three-quarters of an hour, I was speaking in their deaf ear about the dying out of the nacon," he says of his Duma speech. "And the deputies, as cameras show only too well, were talking with their neighbors. some typing on their computers, others yawning and still others were almost





FINDER'S KEEPERS - Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland. left, and Chancellor Viktor Klima of Austria searching for something or other they dropped after they met Thursday in Vienna.

#### **Bulgaria Restores** Estates to Ex-King

SOFIA — Bulgaria's exiled king, Simeon II, will get back the real estate of his ancestors, which the Communists nationalized 51 years ago, a high court ruled Thursday.

Simeon, 61, now a husinessman in Madrid, was restored ownership over two palaces, three bunting villas and two country houses that the Communist government confiscated in 1947, a year after it abolished the monarchy and exiled the royal family.

At a closed meeting, the 12-judge Consomuonal Court, which is em-powered to review legislation, threw out a law about royal property nationalization on a motion by Prosecutor General Ivan Tatarchev.

Simeon acceded to the throne at the age of 6 in 1943, when his father, Boris III, died after allying Bulgaria with Germany during World War II.

#### Turks Punish French

IZMIR, Turkey — Angered by a French motion characterizing the 1915 killings of Armenians in Turkey as genocide, the city of Izmir said Thursday that it would bar French firms from bid-

ding for a subway construction project.

The decision came a week after France's National Assembly unani-

mously adopted a one-sentence motion stating: "France publicly recognizes

the Armenian genocide of 1915.

"We will not accept bids from
French firms as long as the French
policy is not changed," Haluk Narhay, a municipality spokesman, said. "They are misrepresenting the historical facts." He said that three French firms are interested in the \$275 million project to build an eight-kilometer (fivemile) subway in Izmir.

Turkey denies that the deaths of some 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 consoruted genocide, insisting that losses occurred on both sides as the result of a civil war.

#### Piat Killer Confesses

DRAGUIGNAN, France — A suspect on trial for the 1994 slaying of a lawmaker who crusaded against corruption on the Freoch Riviera admitted Thursday that he shot her from the back

of a motorcycle. Yann Piat was shot three times on Feb. 25, 1994, as her chauffeur drove ber home near the port city of Toulon.

"Yes, it was me who pulled the trigger. I fired six times," said Lucien Ferri, 26, who was arrested after the killing, along with Marco Di Caro, the alleged driver of the motorcycle.

"Today I have professed "Today I have professed "

"Today I have profound remorse,"
Mr. Ferri told the court, adding that he was the only person to have been in contact with the people who ordered the killing. He did not identify them. (AP)

# Uproar Over Germany's Spy Hunter Renews CLA's Wariness

By James Risen

.WASHINGTON — When messages filtering out of Russia early this year reached the beadquarters of German intelligence, alarm bells went off throughout the upper levels of government.

Russian intelligence sources had delivered shocking news: The German official charged with uncovering spies was himself a Russian spy -

Moscow's leading "mole" in Europe.

The official, Volker Foertsch, was put under prolonged invesogation. His bome was searched, and a video camera was placed in his office. Later he was put on annual leave. After the investigation, German prosecutors concluded that they did not have enough evidence to charge him with es-

The 63-year-old Mr. Foertsch - a widelyrespected career intelligence officer known hy his alias, Fleming - resumed his duties as head of counterintelligence in May, and the German gov-

But that finding has not put an end to the

controversy surrounding the matter in Germany or the United States, where the case has raised troubling new questions at the Central Intelligence Agency about a possible betrayal of U.S. secrets.

CIA officials have been left to wonder if German intelligence, which was regularly compromised hy communist agents during the Cold War, is once again being infiltrated by Moscow.

CIA officials say Moscow has never stopped spying on the United States and European countries, despite the collapse of the Soviet Union, and may be rebuilding its spy network for the post-Cold War period.

German intelligence officials acknowledge that they are continuing to investigate a series of unexplained failures of German intelligence operations and that they are convinced that material from their spy agency has been handed over to Moscow, according to recent press accounts.

With so much intriguing, if contradictory, bits of information, the truth behind the Foersch affair appears lost in the wilderness of mirrors that so often bedevils major espionage cases. U.S. in-telligence officials trying to fathom the case must try to determine whether Mr. Foertsch is indeed a Russian mole or the innocent victim of the vicious internal politics that have long plagued German intelligence.

The German decision to allow Mr. Foertsch to return to his job relatively quickly has only added to the mystery surrounding the case.

Mr. Foertsch's supporters in German intelligence maintain that the allegations against him were without merit and they expressed anger that the case was ever referred to German prosecutors, according to recent press accounts. They have speculated that be has either been victimized by political adversaries or has been targeted by a sophisticated Russian disinformation campaign designed to paralyze the German spy service.

Another possibility is that, if Mr. Foertsch is not a mole, then someone else at the agency, known as the BND, might be handing over information while attention is focused on Mr. Foertsch.

Mr. Foertsch returned to his job May 18 after prosecutors in Karlsruhe were unable to develop any solid evidence to substantiate the charges leveled against him, German officials said.

Clinton administration officials were reluctant to discuss the case publicly. A State Department spokesman stressed that the case is an internal German matter, adding that it is premature to determine whether it will have any impact on U.S.-German relations.

U.S. intelligence officials also refused to discuss publicly either the nature or the extent of their discussions with the Germans about the Foertsch case. But the CIA has a long-standing liaison with German intelligence, and if the allegations of a high-level penetration of the BND prove true, old fears will be revived in Washington about the dangers of trusting Germany with secrets.

Throughout the Cold War, the "Stasi," the nickname for the East German secret service, along with the KGB security police in the Soviet Union, feasted on West Germany, recruiting spies from among military, intelligence and other officials.

Those German spies sometimes gave the Soviet Union valuable insights into NATO, but U.S. intelligence officials learned early on in the post-World War II era to be wary about which secrets they could share with the Germans.

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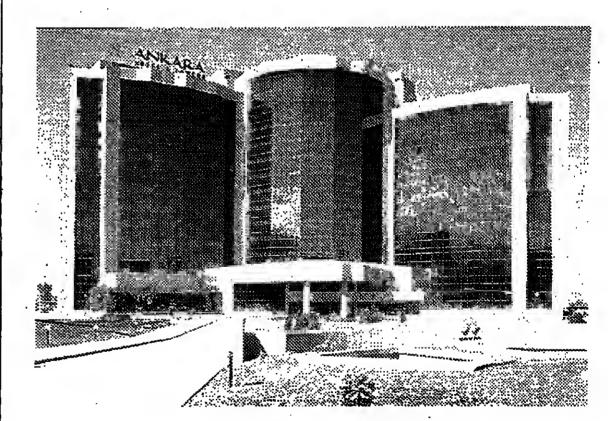
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**Two Views of China** 

President Bill Clinton on Wednesday renewed most-favored-nation trading status for China. He praised U.S.-Chinese "cooperation for world peace and security" and hailed U.S.-Chinese trade as "a force for change in China, exposing China in our ideas and our ideals and integrating China into the global economy." These remarks huilt on the president's optimistic assessment last mooth that China is "moving to join the thriving community of free democracies."

No one expects Congress to challenge the annual bestowal of MFN status. Few quarrel either with the oooon that engagement with China makes sense — that U.S. and Chinese leaders should be talking. But engagement can take many forms, and it could do more harm than good if it is based on false assumptions.

Mr. Clinton apparently believes that China is ioexorably marching toward democracy, that in the meantime economic reforms can succeed ahead of political reforms, and that increased trade and economic growth inevitably will make China a force for stability on the world stage. These beliefs are convenient, because they absolve outsiders of much responsibility to work for human rights or political freedom in China—those will come in due course. And they absolve the administration of any need to worry that hy trading, including in satellite technology, it may be strengthening a potential rival.

A strikingly different view comes from inside China, from someone with pretty fair credeotials to judge China's progress. Bao Tong, 65, was chief of staff to China's prime minister and Communist Party chief until he was jailed in 1989 because he opposed the

crackdown against protesting students in Tiananmen Square. Mr. Bao spent seven years in prison, three of them incommunicado, showing that China has a way to go when it comes to rule of law. He now lives under house arrest but recently gave an interview to The Washington Post's Steven Mufson and John Pomfret (IHT, June 3).

Mr. Bao challenged the notion that economic strength, in the absence of real democratization, inevitably will make China more benign. China "has already gone mad twice in the last 40 he said, referring to the Cultural Revolution and the Tiananmen massacre. "You have to ask yourself a question: What will it do on the international scene? Is it a source of stability or a potential source of instability? When it doesn't have enough power, its attitude will be restrained. But once it develops and becomes strong, what kind of role is it going to play without a complete structural change?"

Unquestionably, China today is in a period of ferment, an authoritarian state that no longer has a state ideology. Although thousands of poliocal prisoners remain in jail, critical voices are being tolerated more than before. This gives hope that China will move toward liberal democracy, but other out-comes, including a kind of nationalist fascism, also are possible. Perhaps, just as he meets with opposition leaders when visiting democracies such as Russia. Mr. Clinton should meet with dissidents when he visits Beijing later this month. A sit-down with Bao Tong. if the government would release him from house arrest loog enough, might be a useful addition to the president's official schedule.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Missing Intelligence

It was troubling to learn last month that U.S. intelligence agencies had failed to spot the preparations for India's nuclear testing. Now a review of the case shows that the cause was not an isolated problem like the misinterpretation of a telling satellite photo. but a more disturbing systemic failure. Many of the photos, for instance, were not even closely examined.

David Jeremiah, a retired admiral wbo investigated the case for the CIA, has produced a stinging indictment of Washington's espiooage operations. President Bill Clinton and Coogress need to make sure that his report is not quietly shelved by the agencies it lacerates.

Admiral Jeremiah, a respected former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, found that Indian test preparations had gone unnodeed be-cause the United States has too few spies, too few photo analysts and too little creative thinking among its top intelligence officials. These conclusions echo general criticisms offered last year by the House Intelligence Committee and recall crioques of earlier years, none of which have made much difference.

Information collected by satellites and other sophisticated spy machines is only as good as the analysts who decipher and interpret it. There are simply not enough of them to bandle the avalanche of images that pour into
Washington every day. The National
Imagery and Mapping Agency, which
does most of this work, assigned just ooe analyst full-time to track acrivities at India's test site. With an annual budget of \$27 billion, spy agencies have oo excuse for a manpower sbortage in such a vital field as photo interpretation.

The absence of productive spies is another familiar story. The CIA had no ooe oo the ground in India well eoough connected to know that nuclear testing was immineot. Recruiting, training and placing ageots overseas is not easy, but the CIA has long neglected this work and favored new technologies instead.

These core weaknesses were compounded by misjudgments at the ighest levels. Even though the new Hindu government in India freely declared its interest in developing a ou-clear arsenal, intelligence officials in Washington doubted the commitment and did not press their agencies to study India's nuclear activities. Several analysts who follow Indian affairs blithely dismissed the possibility of testing.

The White House and State Department were equally negligent in oot questioning these assessmeous or directing the intelligence agencies to look more carefully at India.

The broader message inherent in the Jeremiah report is that the CIA and its fellow espionage ageocies are still drifting, seven years after the disin-tegration of their primary target, the Soviet Unioo. America has had five spy chiefs in the last seven years, a sure formula for disarray. George Tenet, the latest director of central intelligence, brought in Admiral Jeremiah and quickly accepted his recommendations this week, a welcome sign of openness. But it should not take an incident like the Indian failure or an outsider like Admiral Jeremiah to draw Mr. Tenet's attention to chronic problems.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Scrap the Board

There was a time when institutional investors thought it improper to intervene in running the companies in which they held stakes. If they did not like the management, the theory went, they could sell their shares. That attitude has long passed, and it bas not been uncommon for pension funds and mutual funds to push corporate man-agement for change. Some bave even put their own people on corporate boards or supported corporate raiders trying to seize cootrol of a company. But until now, no institutional investor has taken control of a company.

That changed last week when a large New York-based pension fund, TIAA-CREF, mounted a successful campaign to throw out the board of Furt's/ Bishop's Inc., which operates a string

of cafeterias across the South, and replace it with a slate of its own.

TIAA became the company's largest shareholder two years ago, when Furr's was reorganized and institutions that had lent money to the cafeteria chain ended up owning stock instead. Since then, the company has done poorly, and the stock price has fallen. TIAA claimed that the old directors approved excessive management pay while the company flour-

dered without a strategy.

There is no guarantee that whatever management team is selected by the new board will make things better, but it is refreshing to see the owners of a company able to fire managers who have performed poorly.

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#### EDITORIALS/OPINION

# There's No Point Seeking a Deal With Milosevic

PARIS — There are some eerie similarides between the way Europe and the United States are reacting to hostilities in Kosovo and the way they dithered as Bosnia was left to stumble into a long, ferocious war.

"We were behind events for a long time" in the Bosnian case, a NATO diplomat said. "We doo't want to do that again." So NATO is husy discussing ideas for "sending signals" to Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic, even for sending troops to sit on his Albanian and Macedonian borders.

But members are aware that it is going to be a very difficult operation, is not likely to do much good, and may result in holding the coat for Mr. Mi-losevic while his forces clobber the Kosovars, as the Bosnian Serbs did to Muslims in the first couple of years in So alongside the sense of danger in letting the situation slide into another

shameful bont of massacre, ethnic cleansing and refugees, there is a tre-

mendous reluctance to get involved. The situation is evolving rapidly. It has been poisonous since 1989 when Mr. Milosevic revoked the autonomy of By Flora Lewis

the province of Kosovo, historically a cherished Serbian heartland but now populated 90 percent by ethnic Albani-ans. Under intense repression, the Koso-vars organized a parallel government, school system, social services, and showed remarkable restraint under their nonviolent leader Ibrahim Rugova.

But it got them nowhere. Chafing with fury, some bave formed what they call the Kosovo Liberation Army and begun attacking Serhian police.

The Serbs retaliated, exacerbating the conflict, and in recent days they bave launched a campaign with beavy arms. The current aim seems to be to clear an 8-to-10-kilometer-wide area along the Albanian border of all inhabitants so as to cootrol the influx of arms and volunteers. It may also be to provoke further reaction to the overwhelming Serbian forces that would lead to a massive exodus of refugees.

American envoy Richard Holbrooke arranged a first meeting between Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Rugova, and there may be another, but oo useful results

can be expected. The Kosovars want independence, for which they currently

have no outside support, but there is no sign that Mr. Milosevic would even concede a restoration of autonomy. Worried that the conflict can spread through the Balkans, NATO intends to use the Partnership for Peace with Albania to bold exercises, send ship visits. message its disapproval to Belgrade.

It is debating a plan for "contain-ment" on the Albanian and Macedonian borders, which would deter Serhian forces from invading. But that is not Belgrade's intention. It would serve Mr. Milosevic's purpose by cut-

ting off help to the Kosovars.
In short, it is another dilemma so long as Mr. Milosevic remains in power. Doing nothing will soon be ininlerable, but there is strong interna-tional opposition to supporting Kosovo secession and independence for fear of the precedent for other states. And there is no taste at all for interposition to protect the Kosovars, although officially 'no option is ruled out.'

All this was foreseen at the time of the Dayton agreements which ended the war in Bosnia, but Mr. Milosevic's

help was deemed essential at that time and be is still benefiting.

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There is now pressure oo him bowever, from the newly elected president of Montenegro, who would like to force him out. Montenegro is the other republic, along with Serbia, compris-ing what is left of the Federal Republic of Yogoslavia. Unable to run for a third term as president of Serbia, Mr. Mi-losevic had himself elected president of Yugoslavia. To remain constitution-

ally, he needs Montenegrin backing.
What would he do if he lost it? He might proclaim dictatorial powers. If Montenegro pulls out of the federation, leaving him nothing to be president of, he might resort to armed force.

The Serbian opposition, which demonstrated so convincingly and suc-cessfully in the winter of 1996-97, has fallen apart. But the potential remains.

The people are soffering.

There is no answer for NATO in seeking a solution with Mr. Milosevic. If it wants to avoid repeating the tragic Bosnia story, members should do what they can to belp Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic send him packing.

Flora Lewis.

# From Indonesia, a Warning to Asian Authoritarians

By Gerald Segal

KUALA LUMPUR — The revolution in Indonesia that brought down President Suharto is clearly not over yet. The economy is in deep crisis, and oew political forces, freed of many of the constraints that stable political system. muzzled them during the 32year Suharto era, are only beginning to maneuver to replace his designated successor, Pres-

ideot B. J. Habibie. But the most dangerous period of uocertainty is probably past, and we can start to see bow the aftersbocks of the Indonesian political earthquake are being felt in Asia and beyond.

The most powerful tremors are rumbling through the more authoritarian parts of the region because of what is glibly called triumph of "people power."

To be sure, the removal of

Mr. Suharto owes much to the diverse activities of powerful generals, rival politicians and groups of students and nongovemmental organizatioos.

Such ad hoc and disparate forces brought down President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines in 1986 and just failed to unseat the Deng Xiaoping regime in China in 1989.

Recent events in Indonesia clearly alarmed the Chinese authorities. That was clear when they pulled the plug on CNN's live coverage of Mr. Suharto's resignation speech.

The message for Kuala Lumpur about the risks of an old man outstaying his welcome are obviously understood. Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's words on this page on Tuesday (in "A Wave of Creative Destruction is Sweeping Asia") show how events in Indonesia are emboldening opponeots of Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad.

As authoritarian regimes contemplate the power of their Mr. Subarto's children ex-

people, they might also note the of the its response was a crucial power of the IMF to bring about indicator that the international far-reaching political change and lay the basis for a more As the crisis in Indonesia

gathered pace, there were many voices urging the IMF to soften its coodidons for providing emergeocy loans. Even Australia called for a go-slow approach of efforts to strike at the beart of the Suharto crony oetwork by anaching politically sensitive conditions to aid.

The IMF mostly resisted softening its position, and in the final stages before Mr. Suharto's resignation made clear that the mooey would be withheld unless far-reaching reforms were undertaken.

While the IMF was only one of several key pressure points on member. The Association of the Suharto regime, the firmness South East Asian Nations has

community viewed Mr. Suhar-to's departure as essential. As a result, an IMF used to being criticized by liberals for supporting big business and dictators emerged as one of the main

agents of "people power." Such a more politicized role for the IMF raises major questions about its future role around the world. Will it now feel emboldened to make major decisions about political outcomes? Does it need to develop far more expertise on the political and social dimensions of 'good governance''?

The earthquake in Jakarta is also beginning to shake the fra-gile regional institutions of which Indonesia is a leading

long considered Indonesia in be its center of gravity. ASEAN's enlargement in recent years to include the authoritarian regimes of Vietnam, Laos and Burma had led many to believe that it would take a tougher line against supporters of burnan rights in international forums. leading to a warming of relations with China. A more democratic

Indonesia suggests otherwise. Liberalization in Jakarta also tilts the ASEAN balance in favor of "constructive involvement' in the domestic affairs of member states. The debate about how extensive such involvement might be was already gaining intensity with the impact of the pollution in the region that spread from Indonesian fires, as well as of the controversy over whether to allow Cambodia under its strong-arm ruler Hun Sen

to join ASEAN. It now seems more likely that

ASEAN will take a tougher line on such issues, at least with Burma, which seems to be intent on intensifying repressioo of its people.

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A more outspoken Indonesia might have implications for South Asia. There are initial signs that Jakarta might be will-Nonaligned Movement for condemnation of India and Pakistan after their nuclear tests.

One thing is clear. When the fourth most populous country in the world has a revolution, even an incomplete revolution the waves of influence will ripple out for some time.

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# An Opportunity Now for a Settlement on East Timor

By José Ramos-Horta

SYDNEY — President Su-barto authorized the invasion of East Timor in 1975 and its annexation the following year. His forced resignation offers a window of opportunity to

achieve a peaceful settlement. All senior officers involved in the planning and execution of the invasion are no longer in active service. Mr. Suharto's son-inlaw, Lieutenant General Prabowo Subianto, the man most hated in East Timor for his ruthless record, has been sidelined. For many years, he treated East Timor as his personal fiefdom.

His special forces troops there were a law uoto themselves. He organized local youth gangs to abduct and

ploited the island's natural wealth, including its coffee, sandal wood and marble. President B. J. Habibie and

anto, have a unique chance to extricate Indonesia from its loogest and most costly conflict since independence.

Maintaining the dispropor-tionately large Indonesian military and civil service presence in East Timor is estimated to have cost Jakarta more than \$1 millioo a day. At least 10,000 Indonesian soldiers lost their murder East Timorese, while lives in the first five years of the

been put to the test in Asia in

the past nine months. The

Fund gave specific predic-tions about what would hap-

pen. It said in its August 1997

rescue plan for Thailand that

the economy would grow by 3.5 percent in 1998. It said in

October that Indooesia would

grow by 3 percent. In December it predicted South Korean

1998 growth of 2.5 percent.

The IMF's own bad advice

Every few weeks it has had

destroyed its own forecasts.

to renegotiate its Asian pro-

grams, sharply downgrading the growth forecasts. It now

predicts that South Korea will

shrink hy 1 percent or more, Thailand by 5.5 percent or

more, and Indonesia by a stag-

In emerging markets all over the world, the drama is

repeated. Investors who chased high sbort-term in-

terest rates with short-term loans are calling in their loans.

In just about every case, the

IMF is urging a heroic defense

of the currency through dra-

conian interest rate increases.

The monetary medicine is now being applied with IMF

moral support in Brazil and

South Africa, and with IMF

financial support in other parts

of Africa, in Russia and throughout Asia. The Clinton administration

and other financial observers

should insist that the IMF's

free run of the international

The writer, director of the

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tional Development, was from December 1991 to January

1994 on economic adviser to

the Russian government. He contributed this comment to

financial system be eoded.

gering 10 percent or more.

But the cost of the occupation has been even higher for the people of East Timor. More than 200,000 died in the first the new generation of more pro- three years of the occupation, fessional military leaders under mainly from famine and related the armed forces chief and de- illness. Indonesian security fense minister, Geoeral Wir- forces have been guilty of a persistent pattern of buman rights abuses. In a new Indooesia, the ugly

> colonizatioo will progressively be revealed, and Indonesians will learn with horror and disbelief what their country has done to such a small nation. The time has come for the West to throw its weight behind

truth of East Timor's ruthless

a UN-sponsored referendum oo self-determination.

Indonesia should take some immediate steps to ease tensions. It should refease all political prisoners, substantially reduce ts military presence and end arbitrary arrests and torture. Specialized UN agencies like

the World Food Program and the World Health Organization, as well as private humanitarian and development organizations should be given unrestricted access to East Timor, which is feeling the impact of the deep-ening recession in Indonesia. Denying the East Timorese bu-manitarian help for political reasons could cause a major human catastropbe.

Free and democratic elections should follow for a local legislature and government made up exclusively of East Timorese. This should be a transitional arrangement lasting a few years. It would lead to a referendum under UN supervision in which the people of East
Timor would make the final deHerald Tribune.

cisioo on their fumre. The United Nations should remain, fully involved in the territory throughout the whole process... So far, all is quiet in East Timor. The people have sbown

extraordinary restraint; re-sponding to a call for order and caim by Xanana Gusmao, the imprisoned leader of the East A Timorese resistance. This is remarkable, considering the deep resentment and anger that they feel toward Indonesian immigrants and their local collaborators who have stolen their.

land and humiliated them. East Timorese will take to the success if their patieoce and tolerance are oot reciprocated.

In June 1974, wheo I was 24 and serving as a foreign affairs spokesman for the East Timorese independence movement, I flew to Jakarta and met, with Indonesia's foreign minister, Adam Malik. He assured me that Indonesia would respect our right to self-determination. Things turned out to be tragically different for East,

Timor, but also for Indonesia. I am prepared to fly again to Jakarta at a moment's ootice to join Mr. Gusmao in explaining the aspirations of the East Timorese to the Indonesian people and government.

East Timor stands as a moral test for the new Indonesia if it wisbes to regain international, respectability.

The writer, deputy president, the National Council of Timorese Resistonce, shared the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize with East Timor's Roman Cath-olic Bishop Carlos Felipe Xi-menes Belo. He contributed this comment to the Internotional,

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1898: White Elephant? PARIS - [The Herald says in

an Editorial: I it is at once characteristic of the confidence and the vital eoergy of the American people that they neither consider the possibility of defeat nor the consequences of victory. This is a pleasant sign. It shows that the nation is a living one. At the same time it does m harm in lnok into the future. And all over the United States people are asking themselves; "Now that we have got the Philippines, what are we going to do to keep them from being a ruinous White Elephant on our hands?"

#### 1923: King of Bandits

SOFIA - Teodor Alexandroff. the redoutable comitaji leader who recently threatened the whole Stambuliski Cahinet with assassinadon unless anti-Macedonian activities were stopped immediately, is reported to have

been killed in a recent frontiers fight with Bulgarian troops. Many here doubt whether the 'King of Bandits' is reallyslain. The bravery and courage of Alexandroff and his followers have become legendary. Hewields immense power in Macedonia and is feared by Serb and Greek, and oow hy Bulgar, too.

#### 1948: Soviet Decree. BERLIN - The Russians de-

livered their most serious blow

yet at the four-power adminis-tration of Berlin by decreeing for their sector of the city a comprehensive social welfare pro-gram, including promises of 150,000 warm meals for workers and 20 per cent wage in-creases. The Soviet defiance of, agreements for uniform administration of the city was de-nounced by Colonel Frank Howley. American commandant, as a propaganda move designed to, gain popularity for the Soviets.

KATHARINE P. DARROW, Vice Chairman

JONATHAN GAGE, Business and Finance Edit

By Jeffrey D. Sachs

High Time to Rein In the IMF

CAMBRIDGE, Massachu-setts — Here we go again. In its seventh year of ministering to the Russian ecocorny, the IMF is readying another "emergency bailout." Just five mooths ago, the

IMF pronouoced the Russian economy on its way to recovery, declaring that "economic reform is entering a less dramatic phase." Now the Russian stock market is collapsing and the currency is under attack. The IMF has promised to speed another \$670 million in loans and is being called oo by the Clinton administration and the markets to provide much more.

The Fund continues to fail in its economic advice. The bailout loans are unfair and ineffective. If we need a new global financial architecture, as Treasury Secretary Robert Ruhin has urged, then we need a new architect as well, a thoroughly revamped IMF.

In the past three years, under IMF auspices, Russia has been borrowing short-term funds from abroad to keep a corrupt and mismanaged gov-emment afloat. The Fund stood by as the government squandered tens of billions of dollars by transferring stateowned oil and gas companies

to cronies at cut-rate prices. At the same time, the Russian government borrowed from foreign speculators at interest rates of 20 percent or more. The sky-high interest rates compensated the investors for the risk that the ruhle might lose value against the dollar or that the governmeot might default.

Suddenly, foreign investors have called in these loans.

They are spooked by the Asian

crisis, the fall in the price of oil

(a principal Russian export) and labor unrest. The ruhle is about to lose value. In short, the risk that was long implicit in Russia's high interest rates is about to be realized.

The financial community in Moscow is understandably in a panic. The IMF and the United States have been called in to save the ruble. This would ensure that the earlier loans are repaid and that the ruhle keeps its value long enough for speculators to get their mooey out without large losses.

Therefore, the name of the game is to defend the exchange rate at any cost. Pre-dictably, the IMF bas cheered as Russia raised short-term interest rates to a crippling 150 percent a year to try to keep the investors from running. But the ruhle probably cannot be saved at this point too much short-term money is

fleeing the scene. The IMF has become the Typhoid Mary of emerging markets, spreading recessions in country after country. It lends its client governments money to repay foreign investors, with the condition that the government jack up interest rates, cut the flow of credits to the banking system and close weak banks. The measures kill the economies and further undermine investors' confidence. It would be more sensible to keep interest rates moderate and let the

True, currencies would lose value and speculators would lose their bets. But borrowers and lenders would be more cautious in the future. The IMF orthodoxy has The New York Times,

economies continue to grow.

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# An Old Bipartisan Friendship

R OME — It may seem strange to some that, despite our ideological differences, Barry Goldwater and I were mutually admiring friends. Perhaps that friendship stemmed in part from our membership in an exclusive club: We were presidential aspirants who won hig in the nomination hattles only to lose big in the general elections — he to President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and 1 to President Richard Nixon in 1972.

After my defeat and return to the Senate, Barry was the first of my Senate colleagues 10 call. He then sent over a newspaper car-100n he had carefully framed in which his face and mine were superimposed on a replica of the painting "American Gothic," which depicts a stern-faced, pitchfork-equipped couple. Across the hottom of the cartoon, which still hangs in my den, he inscribed these words: Dear George, if

you must lose, lose big."

Later that day in the Senate gym, when I thanked him for the cartoon and his inscription, he said: "I really meant that inscription. After Dick Nixon lost to Jack Kennedy in 1960 by only 120,000 votes, he regretted for years spending the last weekend of the campaign in Alaska instead of Chicago. With you and me it dido't make any difference where we went the last weekend -Chicago, Alaska or Timbuktu. So we have nothing to regret except the judgment of the voters!"

A couple of years ago I went to see Senator Goldwater at his home in Phoenix, Arizona. We spent a delightful afternoon reflecting on American poliocs, past and present. He had just endorsed a young woman running for Congress as a Democrat and was being charged by some of his critics with senility, or worse, for not backing the Republican candidate.

"They can call me senile or any other damn thing," he said, "but I still say what I think."

That is what I most admire about Barry Goldwater. He waso't always right. None of us is. But he said what he thought was right, and that is the way politics ought to be cooducted.

Politics can survive human error, but it suffers when politicians lose their candor and conviction. Ille III (111 Last laso suffers when politicians or differing views permit those differences to degenerate into meanspirited attacks on each other's integrity. Barry Goldwater never

By George McGovern

One of the characteristics of the Senate at its best is its tradition of civility. That tradition sometimes permits senators of opposing parties to become effective allies and friends. Former Senator. Boh Dole and I built such an alliance on matters related to food assistance to the poor, nutritional guidelines for the American people and a strong agriculture. Year after year we won hig blpartisan victories in the Senate on

those issues. Senator Goldwater, despite his exaggerated public image of ultra-conservatism, was of that spirit. He became even more moderate (liberal?) after he left the Senate a decade ago.

Barry Goldwater had a lifelong love affair with airplanes. During the final days of the Watergate investigation, in the summer of 1974, I telephoned him at 6 A.M., apologizing for the early call. That's O.K., he said cheerfully. "I've been up for an hour building a model airplane."

He never tired of complimenting me for having been a combat bomber pilot in World War Il. But he found it difficult to understand how a former bomber pilot could ment to The Woshington Post.

so strenuously oppose U.S. involvement io Vietnam. He was even more puzzled by my opposition to the huilding of some of the more recent bombers and expensive new weapons systems. But never once did he question

privately, oor 1 his. A few years ago I was asked by the San Jose Mercury News to review Senator Goldwater's memoir. I do not have a copy of that review with me in Rome, but I do recall his follow-up note, in

my sincerity, either publicly or

which he said: "I will treasure your words until the day I die." Perhaps this is an appropriate time for me to say in my old colleague: I'll treasure the memory of your salty cooversations and your rough-cut humor until the day I die. If I had not just returned to my new post in Rome after a 12-hour flight the day you died, I would have flown out to Arizooa for your funeral. That doeso't oow seem practical even for us guys who love airolanes — but l'll see you later.

The writer, a former U.S. senator from South Dakotu and the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee. is U.S. ambassador to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, He contributed this com-



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Other Genocides

Regarding "French Vote on 1915 'Genocide' Infuriates Turkey" (May 30):

While I applaud the French Na-tional Assembly's motion recognizing the Armenian genocide of 1915, the French government should pass similar resolutions ers.) recognizing other well-documeoted genocides.
In addition to those massacres

to which the term "genocide" is now commonly applied --- for example, those in Rwanda, Bosnia and East Timor, for which Western governments bear some responsibility, and of course the Nazi Holocaust — the attacks on Native Americans also qualify as acts intended "to destroy, in whole or part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group" (from the definition of genocide in the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Geoocide).

It would be foolish to attempt an exhaustive list of genocidal

the enslavement and decimation of Africans and the mass killings in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Vietnam. (U.S. historians rarely use "genocide" to refer to things Americans have dooe, which reinforces the idea that great acts of evil are done only hy oth-

The French Parliament's willingness to recognize other genocides will show whether its motion on the Armenian genocide is more than just a political act.

Denial of genocide continues in Turkey and elsewhere, which is deplorable. But many Turks who understand the historical reality of 1915 are nonetheless insulted by the term "Armeoian genocide. I think this is partly a reaction to

the mistaken and prejudiced Idea that Turks somehow "invented" genocide. Perhaps the Turkish people would feel less offended and singled out by the term "genocide" if other crimes against hu-manity were known, as Bill Clin-

acts, but I would also include ton said recently in Rwanda, "hy their rightful name. TODD DAVIES.

#### Europe's Holidays

Is it not time to coordinate Europe's oumeroos holidays?

On the Continent, May I was a public holiday, so the stock exchanges were closed; yet London was opeo. May 4 was a vacation day in the United Kingdom hut was oot a holiday elsewhere in Europe. May g was a public holiday in France, so the Paris Bourse was closed, yet other European financial centers were open (the same was the case oo May 21). On June 1, markets on the Continent were shut while London stayed opeo.

This scenario, in which some stock exchanges are opeo and oth-ers are closed, is repeated all year loog. How can there be an easy flow of trade and mooey if there is no coordination of European stock exchanges?

If we in Europe wish to compare the European Union to the United States, we ought to begin hy coordinating our public holidays. F. E. WRIGHT.

Leave Monica Alone

How is it that Monica Lewinsky has been deprived of the oormal rights of American citizens and is hounded by the judiciary and paparazzi? How is it that the mere allegation of her having had a sexual relationship with the president justifies the probing of her intimate life by male lawyers?

I am not being flippant when I say that if Bill Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky indeed did have an affair, they would deserve imprisonment if they did not perjure themselves and subom witnesses. What they should have told Ken Starr at the outset was that he should mind his own business. PAID BECKE

Edinburgh.

# A Drop of Wine, a Lack Of Sense – and How

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — If, per-chance, some magazine is should not, do so on their own thinking of doing an article on an "All-American" school district, I nominate Cherry Creek.

But in a little while there is no reason why they could not join their parents by having a sip of their parents by This is how the Colorado.

In the first place, the name alone is hard to beat and, second, the suburban Denver district is where a school principal was demoted for letting a group of young

#### MEANWHILE

leenagers taste wine during a class trip to Paris. The district has a 'zero tolerance" policy.

It also has a zero common sense policy. This it shares with many other American communities and school districts that think, for some odd reason, that the way to deal with the issue of youngsters and alcohol is not to deal with it at all. Of course, the Cherry Creek

kids are too young to drink on their own — and they may be, depending on what their parents think, too young to drink at all. But they are not too young to learn about drinking and about how wine, for instance, is not something you guzzle in the back of a car but a lihation that complements a meal,

And a meal is where the 13 kids from Cherry Creek had their sip of wine. On their last night in Paris. they were having a three-hour meal — escargots and duck, among other things — and were allowed a thimbleful of wine. When they got home, the group's chaperon — principal Shawn Colleary — was busted, demoted to teach in another school.

What happened next is a testament to the power of political correctness: Mr. Colleary repented. He acknowledged guilt 'poor judgmeot'') and praised the school superintendent, Robert Tschirki. The superintendent ultimately changed his mind and reinstated the principal. Earlier, though, Mr. Tschirki

had stood his ground before a group of parents who thought he had acted arbitrarily, "The laws of that country mean oothing to me,' Mr. Tschirki said of France. But Mr. Colleary was right in

the first place. If the idea of the trip to France was to broaden the kids education, it was perfectly appropriate - even beoeficial . them to learn how to drink wine.

It is true that they could not, and their parents by having a sip of wine at dinner. This is how the French and Italians learn to drink wine - and why, according to some social scientists, public drunkenness in France and Italy is both rare and oot tolerated.

America, though, is off on one of its periodic attempts to deal with a problem by, in effect, banishing it. Zero tolerance sounds nice, but it does little more than make alcohol taboo and, therefore, more attractive to young people. It may account, since logic cannot, for the appareot upsnrge of hinge drinking oo American college campuses.

In fact, binge drinking is the antithesis of what the Cherry Creek students were being taught in Paris: You do not guzzle wine, you savor it. The idea is oot to get sick drunk. it is to have an enjoyable and sensuous experience — and to be able to remember it the next morning. .. The zero tolerance approach is

suffused with moralism at the expense of common sense. It is similar 10 programs that teach kids sexual abstinence and - if social cooservatives have anything to do with it - nothing else. This appmach has not worked since, approximately, the Neanderthal era.

Some social scientists think we Americans are going through a neo-Prohibition era. Maybe. But the Cherry Creek principal won reinstatement because the community thought he had heen unfairly treated. Likewise, to the chagrin of social conservatives, the nation as a whole seems largely untroubled by Bill Clinton's alleged affairs. Most Americans seem to have zero tolerance for zero tolerance.

But the issues here are not ideological — they are eminently practical: What is best for children? Always, the answer is education, knowledge, an appreciation of both the pleasures of a substance (or an act) and its risks - and, of course, the admirable virtue of moderacion. Cherry Creek's youngsters, though, were instructed in arbitrariness, absolutism and the supposed virtues of ignorance. I bet they can't wait to finish

The Washington Post.

#### BOOKS

THE BIOTECH CENTURY: Harnessing the Gene and By Jeremy Rifkin. 271 pages.

\$24.95. Tarcher/Putnam, Reviewed by Charles Plan

DOMSAYERS have always been in plentiful supply. "Resources are scarcely adequate to us," wrote the Roman scholar Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus, 'while already nature does not sustain us." This was around 200 A.D., when world population was under Tertullianus was wrong. Malthus was

wrong - most spectacularly wheo an MIT study team dedoced from a massive computer simulation that all reserves of lead, tin, zinc and petroleum would be exhausted within 20 years. This was hack in 1972.

Still, the abysmal track record of pessimistic puodits has oever impaired their popularity — which explains Jeremy Rifkin's lucrative career as a geoe-splicing alarmist, even though oooe of his horror scenarios has come close to reality, while research coo-tinues safely under severe restraints and promises huge benefits ranging from cancer cures to new crops that will

fight Third World hunger.

Of course, recombinant DNA raises ethical issues and has frightening military applications. But in "The Biotech" "Life patents, Century' Rifkin goes far beyond these specifics. With Old Testament hypernature of life." bole he warns of an impending "second geoesis" threatening "a biological Tower of Babel spreading chaos gene splicing afters our content of the biological world and, in throughout the biological world and, in ducing all of life to manipulatable du the process, drowning out the ancient language of evolution.

system and the "ancient language of evolutioo" is a risky process of random sea urchins were fertilized with inert this for The Woshington Post. In fact, nature already is a chaotic

mutations. The AIDS virus emerged chemicals in a famous experiment at cause untold misery. We'd be wise to learn how to inhibit these "natural" processes merely for our own self-de-

Rifkin, though, warns that the power superchildren. "Customized' habies could pave the way for the rise of a eugenic civilizatioo in the twenty-first century," he says. Yet no ooe com-plains today if a woman chooses a hushand for his intelligence or his good looks, hoping that her children will inherit those traits. Shouldn't individuwrong and modern academics have been als be allowed to control this process with less uncertainty?

In March 1996, Uoesco denied this right, claiming that "the human genome is the common heritage of humanity." Thus, women should be forbidden to modify their ova, or men their sperm, because germ plasm belongs to future generations of our species, not the persoo in whom it resides.

Rifkin extends this dubious principle even further, opposing private ownership even of plant genes, especially by pharmaceutical companies that extract useful DNA sequences in Third World countries. He doesn't explain who will pay to turn these sequences into drugs, test them and market them if oo one is allowed ownership rights. He simply "Life patents," he writes, "strike at

His view of life, however, is some-

what inaccurate. He complains that gene splicing alters 'our concept of chemical materials." But life cannot he reduced to chemistry; it is chemistry, as

from one such mutation; likewise, nuthe Woods Hole marine biological lab-merous hereditary birth defects that oratory.

Since then science has established that every cell cootains its own DNA program, and currently it is learning how to modify that program with greater pre-cisioo. To Rifkin, this seems a threat and to cure defects can also be used to create an insult, possibly for religious reasons, though he does oot mentioo his own

"The Biotech Century" purports to be an objective guide, but this is a deliberate deception, Rifkin makes no attempt at a fair or balanced assessment, and does not reveal to the reader his loog record of anti-science activism. His "survey" of the next century is an endless catalogue of horrors, real or imag-ined, and he offers no suggestions for

If geoetic research is impeded, millions of people will remain hungry or will die unnecessarily. If scare tactics doomsayers encourage legislation that outlaws some activities (such as clooing), the work will move offshore to natioos where fewer safeguards may exist, thus creating greater risk. Be-cause "The Biotech Century" encourages these outcomes, it raises an in-triguing question: Who is more dangerous, the scienost seeking to enhance our lives or the pundit who promotes unreasoning fear?
Rifkin would like tighter controls on

risky research conducted by greedy pharmaceutical companies. By the same logic, he should favor restrictions oo reckless doomsayers, who work without regulatory supervision and profit hand-somely while accepting no responsibility for the social consequences of their scaremongering.

Chorles Platt, who writes obout science and new technology for Wired

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#### **BRIDGE**

By Alan Truscott

Readers who are reaching to hesitate for 10 second after a pre-emptive accordance. complain about the bidding diagram may relax. It actually happened as written at the dead days the fields were far bigger for the major events, the Goldman Pairs and Reisinger Knockout Teams, and play was always in Manhat- pass. tan. This weekend, because botel space is at a premium in was summoned, and ruled who are used to playing in midtown must grumble their now required to complete his

Stamford, Connecticut. In 1962, strong two-bids were very much alive, instead

a new idea: Players had to skip bid." learn that they were required to hesitate for 10 seconds

sight of the biggest hand he had had for years and opened Eastern Regional Champion-ships in 1962. In those long-monds. He did not take into account the fact that he was not the dealer, and that South had announced "skip bid." Perhaps he thought it was a

New York City, enthusiasts that the two-diamond bid was midtown must grumble their how required to the sheraton Hotel in thought and make a skip bid.
"But look at my hand,"

screamed South. "I do not want to see your of the dinosaurs they are now, hand," was the reply. "Just

and the skip-hid warning was go ahead and make your In a disgusted-with-it-all

voice. South hid three diamonds, and West doubled three diamonds doubled. West was excited by the loudly. In other circumstances East would have bid three hearts, but since his partner had wanted to open two diamonds, strong, this double was clearly for penalties.

Five minutes later the di- + A Q 8 rector returned and announced OAKO that he was awarding an average-plus score to North-

The tournament director South, the innocent parties.

Tas summoned, and ruled "What do you mean, average-plus?" screamed South. "You must be out of your mind! I cannot see any reason why you should change the South rules just for this one (Skip) particular hand. Believe me, 30 I'm satisfied to abide hy Pass the rules oo matter what West led the heart king

the result may be." And he happily signed a result slip showing that he had scored 670 for making

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# Leisure

# A Hawaiian Hero, Come Rain or Come Shine



# A Wealth Of Jazz in Summer Festivals Keep Getting Richer

By Mike Zwerin

T doesn't seem possible hut Europe's summer festivals keep getting richer, bigger, more inventive and more varied than ever. New ones keep joining the old ones and

the old ones don't go away.

Warning! All of the players of jazz
music checking their borns in and out of airports as they go around on the festival circuit at this time of year, plus their fans, will be joined by players of the game of football and their supporters getting on and off the same flights. Plan ahead.

The following is a mere sampling and most of the musicians play more than one festival. Many more, Telephone numbers include codes for dialing from abroad:

A FLEUR DE JAZZ, Parc Floral de Paris. June 6-Sept. 26: Every Saturday afternoon at 4:30. Ten-franc admission to see the flowers, the music is free. Jacky Terrasson, Jack DeJohnette, Mike Stern, Helen Merrill, Philip Catherine, Roy Haynes, Martial Solal, Aldo Ro-mano. Paul Motian, Kenny Garrett, Trilok Gurtu. (33-1) 43-43-92-95.

JAZZ A VIENNE, France, June 27-July 11: A town on the autorouse between Lyon and the Cote d'Azur, worth a two-week detour. Tony Bennett, Manu Di-bango, Dee Dec Bridgewater. Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, McCoy Tyner, Mavis Staples, Blues Brothers, Carla Bley, Sangoma Everett, Kenny Werner, Duke Robillard, Johnny Griffin, Louis Sclavis, Barbara Hendricks and Monty Alexander, Taj Mahal (33-4) 74-85-00-05.

MONTREUX JAZZ FESTIVAL. Switzerland, July 3-18: "Is Montreux a jazz festival?" asked the rich tourist. "Not necessarily," replied the travel agent. Bjork, Bob Geldof, King Sunny Adc, George Bensoo, Jaron Lanier, Les McCann, Santana, Bob Dylan, John McLaughlin, Cubanismo!, Micbel Petrucciani, Charlie Musselwhite and on and on. (41-900) 555-678.

JAZZCLASSICA FESTIVAL, Schloss Elmau, Germany. July 7-26: A fivestar hotel in a spectacular valley between Munich and Innsbruck. Three restaurants, 350-seat concert hall, a coocert every evening. Chick Corea, Tania Maria, Krooos Quartet, Barbara Hendricks and Monty Alexander, Gary Burton and Astor Piazzolla Quintet, Ray Brown and John Claytoo, Cassandra Wilson, James Morrisoo, Herbie Hancock. (49) 8823-180.

UMBRIA JAZZ FESTIVAL, Perugia, Italy. The fesoval's 25th anniversary. July 10-19: Sonny Rollins, Gilberto Gil, Ornene Coleman, Lee Konitz, Charlie Haden & Paul Bley, University of South Florida Band, Cassandra Wilson, Brad Mehldau, Nicholas Payton, Rockin' Dopsie & the Zydeco Twisters. Enrico Pieranunzi, Carla Bley, Elvin Jones Jazz Machine. (39-75) 572-3327.

NORTH SEA JAZZ FESTIVAL, The Hague (Congress Center). July 10-12: A peaceful long weekend with hundreds of players and thousands of listeners consuming beer and hot dogs at 12 venues. Mingus Big Band, Medesky, Martin & Wood, John Scofield, Joe Zawinul Syndicate, Brad Mehldau, Maria Schneider Big Band, BennyWallace, Courtney Pine, Ray Brown, David Sanchez, Milt Jackson, Slide Hampton, Stanley Turrentine, Joe Henderson, Tommy Flanagan, Afro Cuban Allstars. Frank Lacy, Earth, Wind and Fire. (31-15) 215-7756.

ANDORRA JAZZ, Andorra. July 15-18: Marcus Miller, Roy Haynes, Kenny Garrett, Joe Zawinul Syndicate, Danilo Perez, Gospel night. (37-6) 890-890.

SAN SEBASTIAN FESTIVAL. Spain. July 24-29: John Mayall, Fred Hersch, Phil Woods Big Band, Chick Corea, Randy Weston, George Coleman, Abdullah Ibrahim, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Abbey Lincoln, Golden Gate Quartet. (34-943) 481-179.

L'HOTEL D'ALBRET, 31 rue des Francs Bourgeois, Paris 4. July 27-Aug. 3: In a courtyard of a hotel particulier in the Marais. Michael Brecker, Richard Galliano, Michel Portal, David Liebman. Enrico Pieranunzi. (33-1) 45-08-55-25.

JAZZ IN MARCIAC, France. Aug. 6-15: Not far from Toulouse, home of fois gras and Armagnac. Branford Marsalis, Ahmad Jamal, Chuchu Valdez, Michel Camilo, Laurent de Wilde, Joe Lovano, John Hammond, Shirley Horn, Elvin Jones Jazz Machine, Dianne Reeves, David Sanchez, Cubalinda. (33-5) 62-09-31-98.

By Jocelyn Fujii

ILO, Hawaii - l think of Hilo, rain or shine, as the un-sung hero of the Hawaiian Islands. Residents of the town on the island of Hawaii, known for its abundant rainfall, have retained their spirit through the devastating tsunamis of 1946 and 1960 and the more recent economic struggles of sugar plantation closings. The engines of tourism and economic development raced past Hilo, creating an oasis of green in a sea of lava. Modest plantaoon-style homes bave yards full of gingers, orchids and other riotous blooms, as well as litchi trees that bulge with fruit during summer.

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There is a Hawaiian saying: Hana
mao 'ole ka ua a Hilo — Endlessly
pours the rain of Hilo — it averages
nearly I I feet a year. When I wake up in
a Hilo waterfront hotel, the first thing to
do is listen for rain and the gurgling of
Hilo Bay, and the second thing to do is
look out the window to see if the summit
of Mauna Kea (Hawaii's highest mounrain) is visible tain) is visible.

Yet during a recent visit, the skies were clear and the view unobstructed. I sat in a light-filled breakfast room at the Shipman House Inn, five or six blocks

inland from the bayfront.

We stayed in Auntie Carrie's Room upstairs, which cost \$140 and featured a private bath, an ornate antique fourposter bed made of koa (a native hardwood) and a 12-foot ceiling. We had just finished our breakfast when the proprietor of this year-old inn, Barbara-Ann Andersen, unveiled another marvel. A friend had just dropped off some cuttings taken from the first vanda orchid plant brought to the Big Island, she told us, producing a tangle of roots and leaves. Vanda orchids are often used in leis and in fact were introduced to Hawaii in the 1800s by Andersen's ancestors.

#### WAITING OUT THE DROUGHT

Outdoors, on the five and a half acres surrounding the inn, a light breeze wafted through the 20 varieties of fruit trees that produced most of the food on our plates. Soon after breakfast, Anderseo found a home for the vanda cutting in the shade of a furry tree fern. She placed the orchid within easy reach of a hose until the drought that had been generated by El Niño was over.

Hilo, which in 1990, its wenest year on record, received nearly 18 feet of rain, had bad only 6.2 inches in the first three months of this year. (Nearly 9 inches more fell in April, but that mooth usually brings more than 15 inches.) Hawaiians have some 40 terms for rain, and Hilo residents know most of them.

Although the decrease in rain has devastated farmers, El Niño has been good for surfers and visitors. Hilo Bay waves are crisp, the parks dry and welcoming, and the snorkeling in the spring-fed shoreline along James Realoha and Leleiwi beach parks, near Richardson Ocean Center, the best on the eastern side of the island.

The main recreational area for Hilo beachgoers, Kealoha and Leleiwi are on a stretch of shoreline east of downtown Hilo and the bayfront, bordered on one

side by vast acres of ponds and on the other by reef-protected ocean.

The weekend we visited, there was no rain and Mauna Kea's summit, 13,796 feet (4,180 meters), was always visible. As our plane approached Hilo I saw was refulled ambed bridges, and the terfalls, arched bridges and the corrugated iron roofs of plantarion homes, painted yellow, red, green and turquoise. From the air, the

rock gardens and prim stone hridges of the 30-acre Liliuokalani Park looked like minimalist sculpture.

On Saturday mornings, the Farmers Market downtown on Kamehameha Avenue teems with elbow-to-elbow shoppers who scoop up fresh, inexpensive anthuriums, proteas, orchids, lettuce, herbs, homemade vegetable and chicken tamales, gourmet macadamia nuts, fruit breads and flesby, ruby-hued iomatoes. While I reluctantly pay \$3.50 apiece for green anthuriums in Honolulu, at the Hilo Farmers Market they cost \$6 for a bunch, and the more common red ones, \$3.50 to \$5 a bunch.

The most popular green market in the state, it is loved as much for its local color as for the quality and freshness of its produce, grown from sea level and up on the flanks of the island's five volcanoes. A leisurely whirl through the market is like a journey through the many ecosystems and ethnic traditions of the island

Kamehameha Avenue also is lined with shops and restaurants in historic buildings such as the S. Hata Building, a 1912 structure io the Renaissance Re-vival style, and the S.H. Kress Building. a 1932 Art Deco structure that temporarily houses an exhibit from the Pacific Tsunami Museum. Photos show the extensive damage to Hilo from the 1946 and 1960 tsunamis. In June, the



Waterfalls on the island of Hawaii, which the engine of tourism has passed by.

larger space in the First Hawaiian Bank building, which was designed by C.W.

Dickey and built in 1930. I ducked into Sig Zane Designs a few doors away. Some islanders fly to Hilo just to buy the shop's aloha wear and Hawaiian collectibles. The store's cotton shirts, dresses and home accessories depict the bold graphic designs of cul-turally significant Hawaiian plants like koa, breadfruit, taro and lehua blossoms. Aloha shirts cost \$45 to \$59 and the new long-sleeved linen shirts with koa patterns, \$75. The store's salespeople are generous with their time and will explain the plants' meanings and uses.

THE MERRIE MONARCH Every year during the week after Easter. Hilo erunts in the cultural explosion known as the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival. Hotels that line Banyan Drive along the shore are sold out for the week. Employees and owners of businesses like Zane's, who are serious students of hula, get involved in creating costumes and re-

Because we live on a volcano, we have a natural energy all around us, always percolating, said Zane, a dan-cer who is married to Nalani Kanaka ole, a revered bula master and ooe of two sisters who lead Halau O Kekuhi, a local hula school. "The island itself is 1946 and 1960 isunamis. In June, the one of our biggest sources of inspiration, museum will move down the street to a For Merrie Monarch, we're learning a

chant about the creation of the islands. We are talking about land giving hirth. Here, on this island of volcanoes, it's ongoing, it's real, it's tangible."

The kimonos at Dragon Mama Natural Fiber Futon Shop, a few feet away from Hana Hou, are vintage as well, but mostly the store sells fabrics. Bolts of extraordinary silks and cottons line one wall for those who prefer their clothing custom made. (When the Dalai Lama visited the island, Dragon Mama sewed his futon and bedding.) The pillows, clothing, ohi, futons and home accessories, of natural

fibers, express a strong, quiet Japanese aesthetic. Items range from a \$12 pillow to \$32-a-yard silk fabrics.

One block inland, or mauka ("toward the mountain") from Kamehameha Avenue, Manna Kea Galleries oo Keawe Street offers hand-colored lithographs, early Hawajian mans, vintage Hawajian early Hawaiian maps, vintage Hawaiian china and paintings by Hawaii masters.

It is worth a jaunt a few blocks inland to visit the intimate Lyman House Memorial Museum, where you can learn everything from the geology of Hilo to its plantation past, Hawaiian gods and architecture.

Hilo also generates most of the cookies, candies and snacks given as om-tyage in the local custom of gift-giving wheo flying between islands. In addition to the Puna papayas and macadamia nuts that are Big Island trademarks, there are renowned chocolate-dipped shortbread

cookies made by Big Island Can-dies in Hilo. Seafood lovers can't miss in Seafood lovers can't miss in Hilo. At the southern end of Hilo Bay, where Lihiwai Street meets Kamehameba Avenue, Suisan Fish Market's early-morning fish auction draws throngs of whole salers who bid in pidgin, the local parois, for supplies that will soon appears on menus. Those who are appear on menus. Those who arrive earlier than 7:30 A.M., when 3 the auction begins, can watch the 8 fishermen unload their catch on 8

the pier.
Ocean Sushi Deli, a year-old sushi bar with zero ambience that specializes in local hybrids like lomi salmoo, opihi (limpet), and ahi poke (seasoned raw fish), was so crowded that it took us three "I tries to get in. The ahi poke sushi, " and the lomi salmon with its flavors of salt, onions and tomato. made it well worth the wait - at . 1 \$2 an order. We also took ad- # vantage of the deli's catering serfor takeout -- something to consider on a sunny Hilo day, when the picnic tables on Hilo Bay or at

Liliyokalani Park beckon. My favorite place for lunch is a simple wagon on Hilo Bay called Island Grinds, north of the bridge. The wooden-sided lunch wagon is the quintessence of Hilo style. It sits under a willowy ironwood tree, with a table and chairs on the beach.

ISA WERNER and her partner, & Norina Page, keep the wagon open 's from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. weekdays except Tuesday. They also run a de-livery and catering business. The food — kalua style (slow-roasted, shredded) nurkey, fresh fish, Cajun taro burgers, black-bean-and-tempeh burrito, lilikoi (passion fruit) and macadamia nur cole slaw, taro potato salad and daily specials
— is health-conscious, and the servings
are generous. And the fresh fish always
costs \$5.50 with salad, regardless of market price.

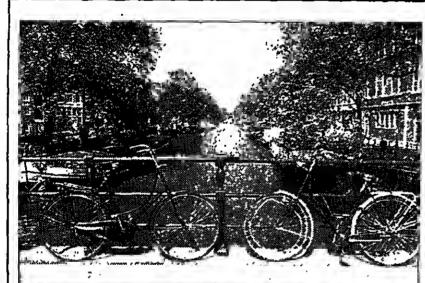
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Parked on the sand a few feet from . shore, the tiny lunch wagoo is stronger & than it looks, having survived an eight-foot wave two years ago. The wagon and Ford truck were dredged out of the bay. "What do you do when it rains?" I

"We stay," she said without hes-

Jocelyn Fujii, author af "Under the Hula Moon," lives in Honolulu and wrote this for The New York Times.





Amsterdam emerges in spring and summer as a perfect city for aimless strolling, over the canals, top, or down the Bloemgracht.

# A Stroll in Amsterdam in June

# Seeking Out Culture Around the Rough Edges

By Eric Weinberger

MSTERDAM — June is perhaps this city's best month. The weather is usually sunny and dry. It is warm, and for those who baven't had their fill of culture after trips to the Concertgebouw or the Big Three museums — the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh and the Stedelijk of Modern Art - there is the bonus of the Holland Festival and its program of music. theater and dance.

An advantage of the season is that you needn't be suffocated in the stained, murky depths of a smoky Amsterdam café. In spring and summer tables are set up outdoors, and the choice spots are always along, or above, the water of the canals, where some of the best entertainment is

watching the passing boats. Most visitors soon discover for themselves the pleasures of aimless strolling in the Jordaan, usually as an offshoot of a visit to the Anne Frank House, on the Prinsengracht. The Jordaan begins on the other side of this canal: a former working-class neighborhood with odd little shops, cares, artists' studios and hofjes (former almshouses collected around an inner courtyard) in unexpected places.

Amsterdam has largely resisted gentrification. This is a city whose rough edges remain, although they are never dangerous, or even threatening; still, do watch out for the endless stream of cyclists, and the trams.

One of the biggest events in the Dutch cultural calendar is the Holland Festival, June 10 to 27. Monteverdi's 'Ritomo d'Ulisse" will be staged at the Stadsschouwhurg, 26 Leidseplein, conceived and staged by William Kentridge, a South African, in a modem production featuring puppets. Performances are June 22 to 25 at 8:15

P.M.; tickets are \$15 to \$44. For a lisong of all Holland Festival events: (31-20) 530-7111. Tickets: National Reservations Center, Box 404, 2260 AK Leidschendam, Netherlands:

(31-70) 419-5500, fax 419-5519. The Royal Concertgebouw Orches-tra is offering Berlioz's "Damnation of Faust" as its final performance of the season, on June 22 at 8:15 P.M. Sir Colin Davis will conduct; tickets are \$40. From July 1 through Aug. 31, there will be concerts every day as part of the Robeco Summer Concert series, featuring distinguished guest performers and visiting orchestras. A highlight will be the Dutch Radio Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Ton Koopman, presenting music by Mozart over three nights, July 10 to 12 at 8:15 in the Concertgebouw's Jan Luykenstraat, (31-20) 573-0730, Great Hall, 2-6 Congresgebouwplein. fax 676-3841, is well situated for vis-

all Concertgebouw performances: (31-20) 671-8345, fax 573-0460.

The Netherlands Opera is presenting an nausual collaboration between the English filmmaker Peter Greenaway and the Dutch composer Louis Andriessen, the controversial "Rosa, a Horse Drama," an opera inspired by American westerns, combining elements of theater, cinema, classical music, jazz and big-band sound. Performances (sung in English) are July 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 at the Muziektheater, 3 Amstel; call (31-20) 625-5455. Tickets: \$20 to \$60.

The Dutch comic performers known as Mini and Maxi are an eternally popular act in their homeland. Their new show, "Split," with aspects of circus, variety entertainment, clowning and musical theater, is at the Nieuwe de la Mar Theater, 404 Marnixstraat, until June 27. Tickets: \$20 to \$28; (31-20) 623-3462.

#### ANCHORS AWEIGH

Holiand's wealth in the Golden Age was founded on its far-reaching sea trade, an era depicted in the Maritime Museum, I Kattenburgerplein, (31-20) 523-2222, with particular attention to the exploits of the Dutch East India Company. There are also exhibits on naval warfare, domestic and foreign trade, and the history of navigation and cartography. Admission includes en-trance to the replica merchant ship Am-sterdam, where a costumed crew can be seen going about their duties on board. Watch for 'burial at sea' every day at 2. Summer hours: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday to Saturday, Sundays noon to 6 P.M.; admission \$6.

The most notable expression of the Amsterdam School of architecture is the 1921 public housing known as Het Schip (The Ship), on the Oostzaan-straat, by Michel de Klerk, This triangular block of apartments is unusual in nearly every way, from its oddly placed little windows and spiky steeple at the stern, to the still functioning post office at the bow. Beyond the taste for expressionisoc ornament and red tile and brick, the architects were concerned with social issues; two of de Klerk's earlier huildings, also designed as working-class housing, can be seen on

the adjacent Spaarndammerplantsoen.
The Van Gogh Museum, 7 Paulus
Potterstraat, (31-20) 570-5200, will close Sept. 1 for renovations. Although some of the paintings will be shown in the nearby Rijksmuseum, this is the last chance to view the permanent collection until the museum reopens in April 1999. Open 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily: admission is \$6.

The 63-room Jan Luyken Hotel, 58

Tickets are \$15. For information about iters to the Concertgebouw and the Big Three museums; the fancy shops of the P. C. Hooftstraat are right around the corner. Rooms are quiet and well appointed. Doubles are \$170 to \$225.

The 38-room Amsterdam Wiechmann Hotel, 328-332 Prinsengracht, (31-20) 626-3321, fax 626-8962, is a true Jordaan find, a corner grouping of three old canal houses converted into an idiosyncratic small botel and outfitted tastefully in traditional Dutch style. About a third of the rooms have canal views; there is a large sunny breakfast room on the corner of two canals. Doubles range from \$100 to \$130; no credit cards.

Budget: For those who would like a chance to sleep on water, the Amstel Botel, (31-20) 626-4247, fax 639-1952, is moored at 2-4 Oosterdokskade, near Central Station. The 176 rooms (all with private bath and TV) are basic, but there are nice views on the canal side. Doubles are \$80 (without breakfast), \$5 cheaper on the land side.

Luxury: The grande dame of Amsterdam hotels, the 79-room Amstel Inter-Continental, (31-20) 622-6060, sits astride the banks of the river Amstel. some distance from the chief attractions. Its palatial splendor perfectly suits its role as an occasional perch for royalty and other notables. Doubles begin at \$427 overlooking the square, \$480 overlooking the river, without breakfast.

XCELSIOR, the restaurant of the grand luxe Hotel de l'Europe, 2-8
Nieuwe Doelenstraat, (31-20) 531-1777, provides traditional baute cuisine in a plush dining room overlooking the Rokin canal as it joins the river Amstel. Steak lartare and fresh lobster salad are prepared at your table (\$30 and \$35). Dinner for two with

wine averages \$135. Christophe, 46 Leliegracht, (31-20) 625-0807), offers fine dining in an airy, pleasant room on a side-canal just around the corner from the Anne Frank House. There are two four-course menus (at \$44 and \$54); also lobster served at the daily market price, and milk-fed Pyrenees lamb with ravioli of ratatouille for \$30. Dinner for two, with wine, is \$160.

There are few rooftop views of Amsterdam, but the sixth-floor restarrant of the fashionable Metz & Company department store, 455 Keizersgracht, (31-20) 520-7020, offers breakfast, light meals and salads with sweeping views of the city and canals.

Keuken van 1870, 4 Spuistraat, (31-20) 624-8965), offers the plainest Dutch cooking at the cheapest prices, including a daily two-course menu for \$6.

Eric Weinberger, a native of the Netherlands, wrote this for The New

#### ARTS GUIDE







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sionist works by Kirchner. Holer and

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UNITED STATES

Metropolitan Museum, tel: (212)

570-2791, closed Mondays To Aug. 29: "Prayerbook to a Queen

Tha Hours of Jeanne d'Evreux

Pansian illuminator Jean Pucelle early in the 14th century, can be

Phtladelphia Museum of Art, tel (215) 684-7860, closed Mondays.

To Aug. 2: "From the Sculptor's

Studio Italian Baroque Terrecottas

From the Hermitage." 35 sculp-

tural models, including works by Bemini, Algardi and other 17th-

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WILLIAMSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Sterling and Francine Clark In-stitute, tel: (413) 458-9545. closed

Mondays To Sept. 7: Degas and

the Littla Dancer," Focusing on the

half-scale scupture of a homely ballerine, the exhibition brings to-

gether 60 sculptures, paintings,

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William Nicholson's "Golf." "Queen Victoria" and "The Lucky Duck" are on view in Darmstadt, Germany.

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Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (171) 300-8000, open daily. To Aug. 16: "Summer Exhibition." An annual event since the Royal Academy's tounding in 1768, the exhibition brings together a wide range of new work by international tiving artists. www.royalacademy.org.uk

Tate Gallery, tel: (171) 887-8000, open daily. To July 26: "Lucian Freud: New Paintings." A selection of new work by the ertist (born 1922), most of it completed from 1994 to 1998 included in the show are large-scale studio nudes, por-traits and recent self-portrait etching end smelter works.

#### FRANCE

Chapelle de la Vieille Cherite, tel: 04-91-56-28-38, closed Mondeys. To October "Arts des Mers du Sud." A selection of more than 70 items from Melanesie, Polynesia and Micronesia. The exhibition will trevel to Munich In 1999.

PARIS

Chepelle de la Sorbonne, tel: 01-53-23-93-93, open daily. To June 30: Vasco da Gema and India." More than 100 religious and prolane objects documenting the Portuguese navigetor's discovery of the route around Africe to Indie, at the end of the 15th century.

ेक्ट क्या आक्रम <u>स्थ</u> Mona Bismarck Foundation, tel: 01-47-23-38-88, closed Mondays, To July 25: "Reve d'Egypte." Three photographers, Herold Allen, Francois-Xavier Bouchart end Merk Ruwedel, heve photographed various buildings, mainly in the United States and France, that reflect the Egyptian Influence.

#### GERMANY

DARMSTADT Kunsthalle, tel: (6151) 89-11-84, closed Mondeys. To July 12: "William Nicholson: Das Graphische Werk, 1895-1905." More than 250 drawings, woodcuts, posters and

book illustretions by the British artist (1872-1949). They portray

London characters and European celebrities, illustrate the alphabet and depict sports activities. The exhibit also teatures posters created by Nicholson and his brotherin-law under the alies J. and W. Beggarstaff.

#### GREECE

The Megaron, tal: (1) 728-2000. open daily. To June 30: "Treasures of Armenia." A dieptay of illuminated manuscripts, sculptures, gold and silver objects deting from the 5th to the 18th cantury, on toan from Armenian musaums. Tha exhibits shed light on the deep-rooted piety and idiosyncratic creed of the Armenian people.

#### ISRAEL

JERUSALEM

Israel Museum, tel: (2) 6470-8811. open daily. To Sept. 1: "In the Light of the Menorah." Looks et how the menorah, or sevenbranch candelabre, was transformed from e sacred niual object to a symbol of destruction and redemption

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Accademia Carrara, tel: (35) 39-96-40. To Juna 28: "Lorenzo Lotto." A retrospective of the works of the Venetian Renaissance master Lorenzo Lotto (c. 1480-1556), The exhibition presents 50 peintings in most of the genres in which Lotto worked, such as devotional works, alterpiecee end portraits,

Forte Belvedere, tel: (55) 24-11-77, closed Tuesdays, To Aug. 10: "Beverly Pepper," A retrospective of 30 years of sculptures, models, drawings and photographs by the American sculptor (born 1922). Her works heve evolved through the use of iron and steel to he more recent monumental sentinels in open spaces.

Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 522- 62, closed Mondays, To Aug. 23: 1375, open daily. Continulng/ To "Die Sammlung Georg Reinhart." From the collection of Georg Re-

Tha ttallen Voyage." Works created by Picasso tollowing his 1917 trip to Rome, where he worked on decors, stega curtains and cos-turnas for the Ballats Russes.

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Fundacio Joan Miro, tel: (93) 329-2908, closed Mondays. To Ju-ly 12: "Ficcions Intimes." Photographs by Doisneau, Maar, Man Ray, Duana Michals and others on loan from the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. The works are arrenged in five sections: portraits. narrative, body, still lites and land-

Museo de Bellas Artes, tel: (94) 424-27-99, closed Mondays. To July 19: "James McNeil Whistler and Walter Richard Sickert." Oil paintings. watercolors, tithographs and engravings by the two turn of the century painters whose works were created at the time when British art was evolving from realism to ab-

#### MADRID

Museo Nacional de Arte Reina Sofie, tel: (1) 467-50-62, closed Tuasdays, To Aug. 31: "Diseno tndustriel en Espana: Un Siglo de Creacion e Innovacion." Documenting industrial design in Spein since the middla of the 19th century, the exhibition brings together 350 items by 200 designers. Among them Antonio Geuch, who also designad furniture and objects, and Salvador Dali.

#### SWEDEN

Nationalmuseum, tel:(8) 666-42-50, closed Mondays. To Oct. 11: "Orrefors Glassworks," A celebration of the centenery of the Swedish glassworks, with works by its renowened artisana. www.nationalsmuseum.sa

SWITZERLAND

#### WINTERTHUR

Kunstmuseum, tel: (52) 257-51-62, closed Mondays. To Aug. 23:

#### HOPE FLOATS Directed by Forest Whitaker.

After loundering in "Speed 2: Cruise Control." Sandra Bullock tries in buny her mildewing career in "Hope the film trying to protect his Floats." But despite its secret. Though "Insomnia" Impeful title and a warm in- has the makings of a standard land location, this dawdling family dramedy proves as niog with the killiog of a beausodden as a bed-wetter's tiful young woman named mattress. Bullock, making Tanja (Maria Mathiesen), it

her debut as a producer, plays has the style of a more una youngish corporate wife nerving psychological thrilland morher who falls apart after learning of her husband's affair with her best friend. With no place else to turn, Birdee (Bulloek), along with her precocious daughter (Mae Whirman), goes back home to sleepy, little of worries. Skarsgard's perfor- films, this low blow of a 18 — either in years or IQ Smithville, Texas. After mance as a man pushed to the movie follows as a sensitive points. (Stephen Hunter, WP) moping about in an old bathrobe for much too long, Birdee seis oui ro reclaim her life. But first, the former prom queen must overeome the wrnngs she did her fal high-school classmates as well as forge a closer bond with her overbearing and ec-

Because they were recently re-moved from the binding, the main pages of the Hours, created by the centric mother (Gena Rowlands), cope with her father's growing dementia and her daughter's separation anxiety. Birdee's problems grow more numerous, but not the least bit interesting or complex when a former classmale (Harry Connick Jr.) begins his persistent pursuit. Time passes, the suds thicken and the l'ilmmakers - di-

rector Forest Whitaker of 'Waiting to Exhale" and writer Steven Rogers - go to increasingly melodramsiic lengths to pump up this emotionally inert sobfest. They jerk tears, warm eockles, tug heart-strings, And that can be very pain-(Rita Kempley, WP)

#### **CLOSING SOON**

Directed by Erik Skjoldhjaerg, Norway, June 7: "The Treasures of Hera: In the atmospheric Norwegi-Greek Antiquities Discovered in Southern Italy." European an thriller "Insomnia," two Academy & Acadamia Italiana, tacitum detectives arrive in midnight-sun territory to in-June 7: "Landscape as Cosmos of vestigate a murder in a remote tha Soul: Nordic Symbolist Peinting Up to Munch, 1880-1910," setting. Fog and endless daylight in northern Norway Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, Co-

Insomnia

serve to heighten tensions that June 7: "Realistes des Annees already run deep. Early in the 20." Musee-Galerie de la Seita, film, a raut debut feature directed by Erik Skioldbjaerg, une 7: "Black on White: Colonials the investigator Jooas Eng-Sean by Africans," Kunsthal, Rotstrom (Stellan Skarsgard, of terdam.
June 7: "Pierre-Paul Prud'hon."
Metropolitan Museum of Art. Breaking the Waves" and 'Good Will Hunting'') be-

comes complicit in the crime

#### MOVIE GUIDE

in ways he could not have breaking point gives the film anticipated, and his discreet its share of Hitchcockian undercurrents. And Skjoldparanoia sets the tone for the bjaerg's understated, allipticrest of this enveloping story. Engstrom makes a grievous al direction keeps the material dangerous and volatile, with missiep and spends the rest of frequent small touches of the unexpected as Engstrom shows increasing signs of police procedural tale, beginstrain. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

#### BIG HIT

Directed by Che-Kirk Wong.

Hong Kong. If anyone needs more evideoce that the barbarians are er. As written concisely by Nikolaj Frobenius, it contrasts not merely at the gates but the standard crime investigainside the perimeter, here it is tion with Engstrom's private in "The Big Hit." Another nightmare, made that much more disturbing by his stony. guarded demeanor and furtive

widdle contwact killer (Mark Wahlberg) falls in love with his kidnap victim (China Chow), dumps his parasitic fiancée and his mercenary mistress (Christina Applegate, Lela Rochoo) and goes straight by blowing away various hundreds of thugs sent after him as he flees with Chow. Directed by Che-Kirk Woog under the guidance of John Woo, the movie is cut to a rapper's beat, full of wannabe gangstas pretending to be of a darker hue, all burimpossible to follow and so callous toward that thingand the meanest-spirited one called "life" that it becomes yet - in the series of Amer- an ordeal. Though R-rated, its icanized Hoog Kong action real target audience is under films, this low blow of a 18 - either in years or IQ



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# Time to Get Cracking on VAT

By Roger Collis
International Herald Tribune

ORE business travelers are seving as much as 20 percent on their travel expenses in Europe by reclaiming value-added tax on hotel and restaurant bills, telephone charges, car rental, conference and exhibition costs, training seminars and other services.

But thousands more are losing serious money because they are not reclaiming VAT, says Ian Bryant, managing director of Quipsound European VAT Recovery in London. "The main reason people are not reclaiming VAT is that they can't be bothered; they write it off in their accounts and forget about it," he said. "Whereas if they took a little bit of time and trouble to pull out the invoices, they could save vast amounts of money. There are millions of dollars out there not being recovered by companies oot giving VAT recovery.

the priority it deserves."

Now is the time to start. You may still be able to meet the June 30 deadline for reclaiming VAT for 1997. If claims are not made by that date, you lose all the tax you paid last year.

VAT is a coosumer tax imposed oo

VAT is a coosumer tax imposed oo goods and services by all 15 member states of the European Union and Switzerland, Iceland, Norwey and Hungary. Japan, Korea and Canada also have forms of VAT.

Unlike e straigbtforward sales tax, such as city and state taxes in the United States, VAT is a "cascade" tax - the tax man taking his bite on the "added value" of sales for every transaction. which is passed on to the next customer. The next customers (provided they are registered for VAT, which means they invoice VAT to their customers) can reclaim VAT on goods and services they have purchased. It sounds complicated -- it is. It was invented by the French (who else?) and bas been adopted throughout the EU. Travelers based in the EU - as long as they are registered for VAT - recover the tax on travel expenses within their own couotry from their local tax authorities in the normal accounting process.

onerous puty Reclaiming VAT for travel across borders is a good deal more onerous. A business traveler — whether or not from another EU couotry — must submit the VAT claim from each national tax authority according to local procedures and in the local language. The redeeming rule is that all foreign travelers get the same VAT treatment as those in the country they visit. No matter if your company has a subsidiary in the country, provided it is a legal entity, not



a branch office. The legal basis for reclaiming VAT when traveling to another EU country is the Eighth EU VAT directive of 1980. The 13th VAT Directive, of 1987, extended this right to business trevelers from countries outside the EU. Japan, Korea, Switzerland, Canada, Hungary and Norway heve followed the EU's lead and now refund VAT to foreign business travelers.

The VAT year is normally January to December, with six mooths until the following June to submit claims. (The exception is for noo-EU travelers claiming VAT refunds in Britain, where the claim period is July 1 to June 30, and the deadline for claims is Dec. 31.) Companies are allowed 10 make up to four claims a year.

The European Union, which is about to launch the single currency, the euro. is not about to harmonize VAT any time soon. It is up to each member country to determine VAT rates, conditions and procedures for reclaiming VAT within its own borders.

The result is a complicated matrix of what you can and can't reclaim.

You can reclaim all VAT io Britain 17.5 percent) on hotel and restaurant bills (except for "business entertaining"), car rental, telephone charges, exhibition costs and training seminars; Germany (16 percent) is much the same except that you can claim for entertainment; Austria (20 percent) allows botel bills but not restaurants and car rental; France (20.6 percent) does not allow for hotels and restaurants; Switzerland (6.5 percent) only allows balf the tax back on hotels, restaurants and car rental; Finland (22 percent) allows most expenses except restaurants and telephone charges; Italy (20 percent), Ireland (21 percent), Greece (18 percent) and Portugal (17 percent) allow VAT reclaims only on telephone charges, conferences and exhibitions which can still add up to a lot of money: Spain (16 percent) allows hotel bills and business entertaining, and Sweden (25

percent) allows hotels and restaurants, but only half the tax on car rental. Allow for an average of six months for refunds—two to four months in Britain, Germany and France; ooe to two years in Italy, Spain and Portugal, and three years or more for Greece. Fortunately, you get more money back faster from countries like Britain, Germany and France, which boast more business travelers, than the Mediterranean countries, where VAT refunds are more meager

anyway.

Unless you have your own corporate expert to do the work for you, the best way to claw back VAT is to use a tax reclaim agent. Agents typically charge 20 percent of the VAT recovered on a contingency basis — no charge if the

claim is refused.

Meridian VAT Reclaim, one of the largest agents with offices in 23 countries, charges 40 percent for a "full audit service" whereby they comb through your files for travel and entertainment vouchers and prepare a claim for the tax people, or 20 percent if you dig out the invoices yourself.

Quipsound charges 15 percent for travelers based in the EU and 20 percent for those in other countries — "Simply because it's easier to get correct documents from companies who know their wey around the VAT system." Bryant said. "We're mostly talking about small to medium-size companies who don't have a local subsidiary to pick up visitors' expenses."

LEXCO Tax Recleim in Britain, which specializes in small companies and independent business travelers, charges 20 percent for VAT up to £2,000; 18.5 percent up to £5,000 and 17 percent in excess of that. The minimum fee is £75.

Karen Frain, reclaim manager at Flexco io London, stresses that one must keep original invoices and make sure they are made out properly. "We can claim VAT refunds even for an individual traveler as long as the expenses are business related." she said.

Visa International, for one, is developing an electronic reclaim scheme for corporate card holders.

"The British and German tax people

"The British and German tax people have accepted that an itemized electronic expense record is as good as getting a piece of paper from a botel," said John Chaplin, senior vice president of commercial products at Visa International in London. "There are three legs to this: gelling the data from the supplier in the way we want, churning out the expense report at the company, with the traveler's input, and getting agreement from the tax authorities."



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AIR CANADA	Cenada to Germany	class. Until June 30.
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EMPEROR BYRON HOTEL	Hong Kong	Rooms for 888 Hong Kong dollars (\$115) a night includes buffet breakfast, free local calls and use of e shuttle to points around Hong Kong Island. Until Sept. 30.
HYATT REGENCY	Mainz, Germany	Opening rates of 198 Deutsche marks (\$111) per room, double or single, per night include buffet breakfast. Until Aug. 31.
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HOTEL NIKKO	Hong Kong	"10th Anniversary" package for 1,998 Hong Kong dollars (\$258) a night, including service and tax, for single or double includes American buffet breakfast, free local calls, use of pool end health club. For internet bookings at: www.hotelnikto.com.hk. Until Dec. 31.
THE PENINSULA	Asia/United States	"Summer Packages" at six hotels include room upgrade, up to 40 percent discount on suites, American breekfast, late check-out until 6 P.M. Examples: The Peninsula Hong Kong, 2,700 Hong Kong dollars (\$348) per night for a single, 2,800 for a double; The Peninsula Manila, \$160 single or double; The Peninsula Beverly Hills, \$335 single or double, Until Sept. 15.
RITZ-CARLTON	Asla-Pacific	Summer packages on offer at properties around the region, Examples: Kuala Lumpur, "deluxe" rooms for \$75 a night; two-night stays in Singapore, \$185 a night; Seoul singles for \$240 a night. Until Aug. 31

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#### INTERNATIONAL

# CHINA: Hong Kong Crowd Remembers the Tiananmen Massacre

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sciousnes in 1989. But since this oftime Brish-ruled territory was hided over o China a year ago, this hering marked the first time the manmen hassacre has been comemorated a Chinese soil. Elsewhere the maining, attempts to mark the te of the slyings have been routinely pressed.

Rally orgnizers estimated the crowd 40,000 people, but Hong Kong police aid the nurber was lower.

Various peakers at the rally, and hose who came to participate, said whatever to final figure, the heavy urnout in driving rainstorm showed that Hongkong would not be cowed when it came to standing up for its beliefs and raditions.

"Before I was a little hit scared" about coning, said a 45-year-old civil servant wb gave his name only as Lam But we sould fight for democracy and

freedom.

Also, & the Chinese citizens who enjoy themost freedom and have the broadesidemocratic and civil rights, many Hing Kongers said they feel a special isponsibility to hold rallies like this, to psh for greater democratization on the mintand.

'If pople in China do what we are doing hie, they will be repressed," said Eric Sir a 21-year-old husiness student.

'So wenus stand up."
"In he whole of China, only Hong Kong an enjoy a little hit of freedom. said a fl-year-old retiree, Chan Kwingyeung 'I don't think people in Hong Kong ill ever forget 'the Tiananmen Squarmassacre, he said. 'Look here, tonigle even in this downpour, people have all come out.

May here said the very fact that this rally as being held at all demonstrated the secrity of China's commitment. when took over this territory one year ago, leave Hong Kong's freedoms and way f life unchanged. As the first year anniersary of the historic handover appromes in a little more than three week, many Hong Kongers have expresed surprise at Beijing's hands-off appeach to the territory, and how so far, so lile has charged.

Lst year's Trananmen Square com-metoration drev a crowd of 55,000 peole, with many then saying they be-lieved it would be the last, because the ney Beijing-arbinted regime would neer allow the tradition to continue.

hast year, Chita's chief executive for Hog Kong, Tung Chee-hwa, urged Hog Kongers tostay away and put their Tinanmen concerns behind them, but the huge turnout was a direct show of defance. This year, Mr. Tung and local oficials have stayed largely silent as the

crackdown have gone forward.

"I think the most important thing is that it can be held as usual," said Joseph Cheng, a political science professor with

Kong people, that the 'one country, two year. systems' formula works," he said, Four years ago, only 9 percent of adding, "It certainly reflects China's Hong Kongers said China acted corhands-off policy towards Hong Kong." "The second significance is that it is

now held in China, because Hong Kong is a part of China," Mr. Cheng said. "People can now hold vigils and make statements on Chinese soil."

liananmen anniversary regularly, the real danger now is not the threat of government repression to stamp out the yearly gatherings, but the problem of fading memories and a tendency to for-

rally and other events marking the 1989 ward the 1989 crackdown showed that now only 55.2 percent of Hong Kongers say Beijing did the wrong thing to violently end the protests on the square. This compares with 71.9 percent who the City University of Hong Kong.

"This is quite reassuring for Hong thing, and 63.1 percent who said so last

rectly when it cracked down and killed the students at Tiananmen Square. This year, 13.3 percent said China acted correctly.

Some analysts said the figures reflected both acknowledgment that the For many who have marked the human rights situation in China has been gradually improving, and the fact that memories tend to fade or become hlurred over the years.

But at the vigil Thursday, the stalwarts who came out despite the rain said one of their aims was 10 make sure A Hong Kong University survey pub-lished Thursday on local attitudes to-happened on June 4 nine years ago.

# Tiananmen Square Recalled By Discreet, Quiet Mourners

The Associated Press
BELIING — Despite a police roundup of dissidents, mourners discreetly came to Tiananmen Square on Thursday to commemorate the military's crushing of the student-led op-position movement nine years ago.

At the vast square in Beijing, police and soldiers maintained an obvious porters. presence, with soldiers drilling with Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifles near the Great Hall of the People, off the square's western fringe.

Abont two dozen dissidents were

thousands more arrested around the

Bao Tong, who spent nearly eight years in custody as the highest-level Communist Party member jailed after the Tiananmen crackdown, said Thursday that he had been ordered by the police not 10 speak 10 foreign re-

The police on Thursday quickly pounced on two men, one of them in a wheelchair, who threw leaflets in the air near the center of the vast square.

Five young men who participated in rounded up nationwide to prevent the 1989 protests as college students commemorations of the protests and came to the square as they have every the military assault that ended them on June 4, 1989. Hundreds — if not thonsands — were killed in Beijing, and

### TRAINS: German Expresses Out of Service

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a rapid standstill.

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"There was some kind of loud noise then a bang," Susanne Kleinbrahms told Reuters television. "I flew through the air and smashed into everything. That's

Without saying that speed may have been a factor, German Rail also imposed a limit of 100 miles an hour on those high-speed trains left in service. The

Mexicans Indignant

without notifying Mexico, officials

here admitted that they had been in-

formed - hut insisted they had not

The admission issued late Wednes-

day by the attorney general's office

came amid mounting official indig-

nation in Mexico over "Operation Casablanca," including threats to pro-

seente U.S. agents involved in the

U.S. authorities arrested 160 people

- including about two dozen Mex-

ican bankers — and seized \$87 mil-

lion, 2 tons of cocaine and 4 tons of

marijuana in the operation. (AP)

**Political Squabble** 

Cancels Ball Games

called off scheduled tours to

Nicaragua by its two main national

baseball teams due to a political

National basehall director Carlos

HAVANA - Cuba on Wednesday

approved.

The petition was filed by the Israeli Rodriguez told local state-run media

(AP) games.

At the rea, both countries agreed

JERISALEM - Israeli doctors and

express trains routinely travel at 125 mph and are capable of speeds of up to 175 mph.

declined to draw any conclusions, say-ing that they will not be able to start their inquiries until the last of the cars crushed

Rescue workers said they expected to

nothing to substantiate these fears.

Reuters

groups said Thursday that the police had arrested the main organizers of planned protests against the military ruler, Gen-

marches planned nationwide hy hlack-

campaigners. lawyer who is coordinator of the Joint Action Committee of Nigeria, which

Officials investigating the crash have by falling concrete have been un-

More than 30 hours after the wreck, however, rescue teams in their hright orange coveralls still were working to

reach the last of the train's 13 cars.

what had been called commany's safest train.

"We are hearing no sounds of life from the wreckage," said Rolf Bartsch, a rescue worker in this small village.
"Any hope for survivors is fading."

Initial reports from police and railways officials said that Initial reports from police and railway on its claim that the deputy White House officials said that two groups of school counsel, Bruce Lindsey, is protected by

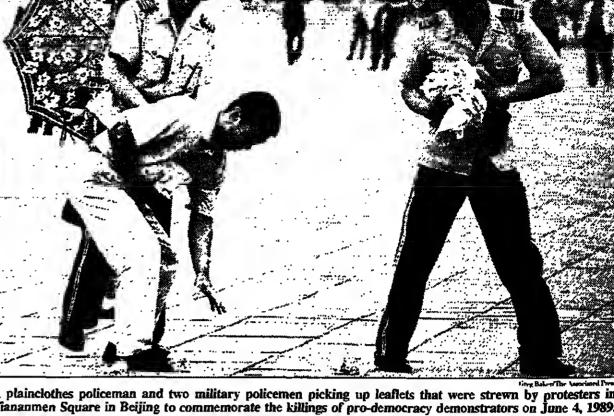
#### Lagos Seizes Dissidents

LAGOS - Nigerian opposition eral Sani Abacha.

They said organizers had been ar-

called for the protest.

But there were no signs of protests in Lagos, Nigeria's biggest city and a stronghold of opposition. Nor was there trouble in Ibadan, another sonthwestern of U.S. District Court, had rejected the That judge, Norma Holloway Johnson of U.S. District Court, had rejected the could help them develop ballistic missiles But there were no signs of protests in



A plainclothes policeman and two military policemen picking up leaflets that were strewn by protesters in Transumen Square in Beijing to commemorate the killings of pro-democracy demonstrators on June 4, 1989.

# Kim Heads to U.S. With a Full Agenda

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

TOKYO - President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea travels to the United States on Saturday for a nine-day visit in which he will seek new American investment and discuss ways of drawing North Korea into the international community.

Mr. Kim, 73, has filled his schedule with an almost impossible number of engagements - including at least 15 speeches - in four cities on both coasis. His itinerary includes a state visit at the White House, addresses to a Joint Session of Congress and at the New York Stock Exchange and promotional pitches to Silicon Valley investors in California.

Kim's top advisers. "Whether it's some U.S. and South Korean officials say it concrete investment or some kind of is highly unlikely that Mr. Kim will moral support - whatever it is, he wants to bring something back with him." The South Korean economy is in des-

perate shape, held together largely hy an emergency \$57 million bailout from the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Kim has said foreign investment,

especially hy American companies, is the key to his nation's recovery. During his trip, Mr. You said, Mr. Kim is expected in announce a major new

investment deal, worth "at least a billion dollars," between General Electric Co. and Korean Air, the state-owned airline. Mr. Kim is also expected to discuss

with President Bill Clinton and members "He wants to come back with at least of Congress the possibility of a gradual something for the South Korean easing of U.S. economic sanctions people," said You Jong Kenn, one of Mr. against North Korea.

propose an immediate, unconditional lifting of sanctions.

"He wouldn't do that," Mr. You said. "He will be explaining his policies on North Korea, and he will be asking for understanding and support from the United States. I don't think that's the same thing as asking the U.S. to lift the sanctions

The United States maintains a neartotal embargo on trade with North Ko-rea, citing the Trading with the Enemy Act, Pyongyang's hostile military posture and its suspected involvement in international terrorism. Those sanctions have been bedrock U.S. policy for years. They are endorsed by the Clinton administration and enjoy broad support in the Republican-controlled Congress.

president has denied. Mr. Landow has denied reports that he encouraged Mrs.

Also expected to testify Thursday was Ms. Lewinsky's first lawyer, Francis

Ms. Lewinsky's new defense team, the veteran Washington lawyers Plato Cacheris and Jacoh Stein, has made initial

contacts with prosecutors. While no negotiations have occurred over possible

immunity for Ms. Lewinsky, serious talks

Ms. Lewinsky's former attorney, Wil-

liam Ginshurg, who had occupied the media spotlight for months, bowed out

with a final shot across the bow of Wash-

ington reporters and lawyers.

Mr. Ginsburg, a medical malpractice lawyer who had faced increasing criticism

reaction is that a person apparently needs a passport to get into Washington, and that

the city is one where even the natives eat

are imminent, according to sources

quoted by The Associated Press.

Willey to lie.

Carter.

#### CLINTON: High Court Turns Down Starr on Agents' Testimony she came to his office in 1993, which the

administration's assertion of a ''protec-

tive function" privilege for Secret Service agents. The administration held that

if a president lacks confidence in the

agents guarding him, he might keep them at a distance, increasing his ex-

posure to possible attacks.

Mr. Blumenthal's testimony Thurs-

day did not appear likely to go to the core question of whether Mr. Clinton had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky during and after her internship in the

White House, or whether he or an aide

Mr. Blumenthal is a White House com-

jury, on Feb. 26, he later said that he had

been questioned about his conversations

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cision three days ago to drop its claim that top aides could cite the executive privilege doctrine in refusing to answer some questions. Without that large confind only bodies, not survivous.

Huge cranes tugged at the tangled slabs of concrete that fell on the train. stitutional question to claim the justices' attention, they indicated, the lesser is-

arguments from White House lawyers later asked her to lie about it. Mr. Clinton on its claim that the deputy White House has denied the allegations. children might have been among the attorney-client privilege, and by Justice munications strategist, not a lawyer. The dead. But, as the rescue effort unfolded Department lawyers that Secret Service last time he appeared before the grand Thursday, officials said there had been agents are protected by a "protective function" privilege.

with reporters and whether, as Mr. Starr asserted, he had helped spread an "avalanche of lies" about the Starr team. Meanwhile, a former Democratic Party official, Nathan Landow, appeared briefly before the grand into Thursday. Arguments oo the appeal are expected to be heard hy the end of July. In contrast, Mr. Starr had asked the high count for a decision this month. Any rulings could then be appealed to the Snpreme Court, delaying a final decision until fall

The executive privilege had earlier been extended to Mr. Lindsey and another top aide, Sidney Blumenthal With the White House basing described in the White House basing descr the White House having dropped that rested in southwestern Lagos, eastern claim, Mr. Blumenthal went before the Enugu and northern Kaduna to prevent grand jury Thursday even as the Supreme Court was issuing its finding.

clad demonstrators bearing coffins to
symbolize the killing of democracy licitor General Seth Waxman, who represents the government in cases before Despite these arrests, protests will the high court, when he wrote in a 14- India and Pakistan do not have the status still go ahead," said Gani Fawehinmi, a page filing that "we are unable to conlawyer who is coordinator of the Joint clude that this case requires the extraorwith the NPT," it added. clude that this case requires the extraor-

dinary procedure."

He noted that "the single district judge who rejected the claim of privilege" was "the only judge to have

In addition, the officials pledged to

**BOMB:** India and Pakistan Condemned

said that Mr. Clinton fondled her when their young."

Party official, Nathan Landow, appeared client's credibility, wrote in an op-ed briefly before the grand jury Thursday. column in The Washington Post: "My

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prevent the export of equipment, material and technology that could aid the nuclear

terest rate rise. The Confederation of

pound already has dealt a blow to foreign

The British Chambers of Commerce.

which represents thousands of smaller

companies, echoed those fears. "The

manufacturing sector is already in re-cession. With clear evidence of a alow-

down in service sector growth we be-

Peters, deputy director-general at the

British labor leaders joined the crit-

icism. John Monks, general secretary of

the Trades Union Congress, the move-

ment's main umbrella body, said the

"unnecessary" move threatens jobs. "It

British Chambers of Commerce.

international nonproliferation regime." Before the meeting, aides to Secretary

.United States was satisfied that India and Pakistan could not try to play one nuclear power against another to justify further testing.

But the meeting was chaired by

China, which India views as an adversary. The Chinese foreign minister, Tang Jiaxuan, made little effort to disguise his country's view that India bore the principal responsibility for starting a

British Industry feared that the rate rise lieve this is a rate rise too far." said lan

The five foreign ministers also called on India and Pakistan 10 avoid threatening moves with conventional military forces. They called for another inter-

Mrs. Albright met separately with Mr. Tang and Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov of Russia before the formal meeting was convened. U.S. officials said Mrs. Albright's key concern was to make sure the traditional Russian tilt toward India and Chinese support for Pakistan did not prevent the five powers from producing a strong statement. Mr. Primakov said the nuclear powers were inflation that threatened to creep into the united. "It is far too important for us to create a situation that would help us to prevent nuclear weapons from spread-

#### EUROPE: The French and German Economies Pick Up Steam Industry leaders lashed out at the inthe pace of recovery, economists said.

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Strauss-Kahn said.

The German figures, meamwnile, allowed the government to say that the long-sluggish domestic economy had attained cruising speed after a painfully long and stumbling recovery.

Germany and France welcomed signs that domestic confidence has finally taken root after foreign business overwhelmingly fueled growth previously. Mr. Strauss-Kahn and Economics Minister Guenter Rexrodt of Germany said months of the year, the German econtimid consumers had broken out of their slump, enough to offset fallout from Asia's economic crisis.

"Our expectation that external factors would jump over to domestic demand pared with the first quarter of last year, has been clearly affirmed," Mr. Rexrodt French GDP expanded by an annual rate

Big-ticket spending in machinery, plants and tools surged 5.4 percent in French export growth slowed to 0.7 per-will hit investment and jobs. Mr. Germany, while consumer spending cent from 1.9 percent in the final three Monks said. Germany, while consumer spending rose 1.7 percent.

In France, capital spending reversed a fourth-quarter decline to register a 1.1 percent increase.

trell, economist in London at between the expanding economies on PaineWebber International. In Ger- the Continent.

Neither Germany nor France boasted crease since the Lahour Party took office strong enough growth to alleviate the a year ago, is likely to decelerate further unemployment crisis, said Alison Cot- the British economy and widen the rift England said it needed to choke any

months of last year.

many, the number of job-holders Even before the rise in lending rates. rising wages. Private-sector incomes dropped by nearly 200,000, or 0.6 pergrowth in Britain was expected to slow climbed 5.6 percent in February, more cent, from the first quarter a year ago. Germany's figures probably overstate 2.9 percent last year.

German growth was inflated as consumers rushed out to make purchases before an April 1 increase in the coun-would hamper exports after the strong try's value-added tax. Compared with the previous quarter, husiness, according to the CBI's chief the economy expanded 1.0 percent, the economic adviser, Kate Barker.

briskest pace since the fourth quarter of In calendar-adjusted figures provided separately from the German central bank, which compensate for two additional working days in the first three

omy grew a less dramatic 3.0 percent. In France, the economy expanded at a quarterly rate of 0.6 percent in the first quarter, its slowest pace in a year. Comof 3.5 percent, compared with a growth rate of 3.0 percent in the fourth quarter. increases the risk of a hard landing and

benchmark short-term lending rate from 7.25 percent, represented the sixth in-

This could accelerate the deceler-In Britain, the rise to 7.5 percent in the ation" in Britain and contribute to a "hard landing" if the economy sputters, said Mr. Rosenstock at IBJ.

Although Britain is at an advanced

stage in its economic cycle, the Bank of economy from a tight job market and to no more than 2 percent this year from than double the bank's 2.5 percent inflation target.

capable of carrying nuclear warheads.
The ministers said the Geneva meeting would set in motion a process "aimed at strengthening peace and stability in South Asia, at encouraging restraint hy India and Pakistan and at bolstering the

of State Madeleine Albright said the

new arms race in the reginn.
"In May of this year, India, in de-

fiance of world opinion, went ahead with its nuclear tests, 'he said in opening the conference Thursday. 'After the peace and stability in this South Asian region was undermined. Pakistan also carried out nuclear tests. The purpose of this meeting is to channel our joint efforts to arrest the nuclear arms race in South Asia and restore the peace and stability in this region."

national meeting on the crisis next week in London with representatives from Germany, Italy, and Japan.

ing," he said. "I think the greatest achievement is already felt — in that we are united." (AFP, AP, Reuters, NYT)



#### INTERNATIONAL

# Paris Metro Deploys Peacekeepers

#### Transit Authority Is Putting Dozens of Young 'Mediators' to Work

By Barry James

Herald Tribun

PARIS -- Borrowing an idea from the Guardian Angels on the New York subway, the Paris transit authority is deploying dozens of uniformed young people as "mediators" on the Paris Metro in an attempt to reassure passengers and help combat violence and

diation Agents, or ALMS, as they are week after a four-week training course

just in time for next week's start of the World Cup soccer tournament. If soccer brings with it hooliganism, as many fear, the agents, men and women around the age of 20, will be in the front line.

the RATP, said the agents had a dissuasive and mediating role rather than a repressive one. If trouble breaks out, the unidentified agents can call on the police for help. Their

unlawful vigilantes although they claimed to have reduced crime in New York. The in close collaboration with the police.

They have been given instruction in public liberty, principles of law and psy-chological training in dealing with problems ranging from drunkenness to graf-fiti spraying. The RATP said they were

#### STRIKE: French Rail Workers Walk Out

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ing for better conditions and more pay. Unions said some 50,000 electricity and gas workers took part in the demonstrations to protest the deregulation of their industries.

Louis Viannet, head of the Communist-led General Labor Confederation, said the demonstrations proved wrong those who thought that the social movement was dead. Mr. Viannet said earlier that unions were not out to disrupt the

A strike on the Paris Metro had a limited impact on services Thursday. The Metro system is preparing to provide transportation for an additional 800,000 passengers during the month-long World Cup.

Sources said the Air France pilots

agreed to a management proposal to substitute shares in the company for part of their pay, but only for a limited period and only in the framework of an overall agreement. The airline is scheduled to be partly sold to the public later this year.

This marked a concession by the pilots, who earlier described the shares-for-pay plan as a salary cut. The Air France management, supported by the government, continued to insist on an overall reduction in the payroll of the pilots, who earn more than their equivalents at other European airlines. The pilots appeared to have won one victory: management's agreement to abandon its demand to pay lower salaries to newly hired pilots.

According to sources close to the negoliations, the management agreed to a single salary scale provided this did oot have any effect on it economic targets. francs (\$6.7 billion) on new aircraft, and new management proposals.

only weapon is the power of persuasion.
The volunteer Guardian Angels, who came to Paris in a short-lived experiment a few years ago, are seen by many as The first 14 of the Local Social Me- Paris agents on the other hand will carry an official warrant jointly issued by the called, began patrolling the network this RATP and the Paris police, and will work

on hiring thousands of staff, but it insists that the money must come out of current income rather than by increasing debt.

Reflecting an apparent spirit of com-promise among both sides at the negotiations, the transport minister, Jean-Claude Gayssot, said the talks "should move ahead quickly oow.

'Reason must win out," be said. Although independent airlines picked up much of Air France's customers, air traffic in France has been cut by about half since the strike started. Many passengers switched to rail or postponed their journeys because they were uncertain about getting a flight and because of chaos at Charles de Gaulle airport oear Paris, where many ground staff walked

off the job demanding higher pay.

Passengers had to carry their own bags from the planes to the terminals because baggage handlers were oo strike. Air cooditioning was oot functioning because technical workers also walked off the job.

The prospect of trouble on the railwith one union calling for a walkout oext week as the World Cup gets under way — was of potentially more concern than the pilots' strike. While Air France said it would honor its commitment to provide dozens of special flights to fly teams around the country in the first round of the tournament, most fans were expected to travel by rail. The French railroad planned to add more

than 100 high-speed trains for the fans. Meanwhile, All Nippoo Airways Co. Ltd. averted a strike next week by its pilots, who are resisting proposed changes to their salary structure. With hundreds of fans scheduled to fly to The airline plans to invest 40 billion France, the pilots said they would await

A spokesman for the transit authority, also expected to lend a helping hand to people who are lost or in difficulty.

Polls show that a perceived lack of security is foremost among the coocerns of passengers. Metro employees have gone on strike several times in recent months because of attacks against coworkers, and the RATP spends tens of millions of francs cleaning op trains defaced by vandals.

The ageots are being hired under a government plan to create jobs for young people, under which the government will pay up to 80 percent of their

The RATP says it hopes to have 50 agents on duty by the end of June, and 250 within three years. The Metro network already employs specialized se-curity officials and dog-handlers in addition to transit policemen - a total of about 1,000 men and women.

The mission of the young agents, who wear black uniforms, is more specifically targeted at other young people.



Refugees taking shelter Thursday in a school in Albania after fleeing their homes in Kosovo to escapelerbs.

#### KOSOVO: Albanians, Fearing an Intrusion by the Serbian Army, Warn of 'Open War

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if necessary," Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said at a meeting of European Union and Mediterranean foreign ministers in Italy.

Italy said foreign ministers of the Cootact Group — the United States, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Russia-were likely to meet on Juoe 12 in Londoo.

In Tirana, Albania's ruling Socialist Party backed the resistance of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo against Serbian security forces, whom it accused of ethnic cleansing.'

A party statement did not mention by name the Kosovo Liberation Army, an armed separatist group that is fighting the forces commanded by the Yugoslav president. But it appeared to mark a toughening of Albania's stance on

The Serbs denied that the police and Yugoslav Army assault across a broad swath of western Kosovo was a strike at civilians, describing it as a protective

sweep against separatist guerrillas.

"All our actions are defensive in character," said Veljko Odalovic, the top Serbian official in Kosovo. "We are simply responding to attacks by terrorists.'

The ethnic Albanians say dozens of villagers have been killed and tens of thousands of people are biding to forests in the province of southern Serbia, waiting for a chance to escape to Albania. As many as 7,000 others have fled the

other republic left in what remains of Yugoslavia besides Serbia, officials

The Albanian government, worried about both the crush of refugees and a oew threat for its strapped military in Europe's poorest country, is pushing for Western troops to shore up its northern border - a request NATO is considering warily.

"We expect everything from the Serbs, even to hunt down the rebels in our territory or to do something else, much graver," Vladimir Prela, political adviser to Prime Minister Fatos Nano, said in the Albanian capital.

The Serbs' crackdowo oo the Kosovo Liberation Army, which advocates in-dependence for the predominantly ethnic Albanian province, prompted the Kosovo Albanians to scrap the oext scheduled round of talks with Belgrade

government officials. Delegates to Europe's leading security organization, the OSCE, condemned the escalation of violence in Kosovo and called oo both sides in the conflict to exercise maximum restraint. Meeting in Vienna, they also urged full access to the affected areas and said Serb security forces were blocking entry to human-itarian organizations. (AP, Reuers) itarian organizations.

Albania Fears Invasion

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battered province into Mootenegro, the of refugees fleeing the Serbian province other republic left in what remains of of Kosovo, Albania has warned that the Serbian Army may be preparing to intrude into Albania itself to hunt rebels. Such an incursioo would drag Albania

directly into the Serbia-Kosovo conflict. There is widespread sympathy here for the ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo, who are challenging Serbian rule in the province.

As the fighting in Kosovo increases, it threatens to draw in Macedonia, where there is an ethnic Albanian minority that

supports the Kosovo separatists. Diplomats here see the risk of a new Balkan war that could be as destructive as the ooe that weot oo for years in

"The Serbs have been manufacturing so-called evidence to say that Albanian territory is being used to launch terrorist attacks," Prime Minister Fatos Nano said Wednesday in an interview.

We have had several reports of incursions into our territory by Serb commando teams that appear to be scouting

the area," he said. When you look at what the Serbs are attempting to do - to create a security belt along the border - you soon realize it is impossible in such a mountainous area. The next step is to try and enlarge the area under fire, an enlargement that would push the conflict into Albania."

The prime minister, who has sent an urgent appeal to NATO commanders



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reach Albanian territory, said that cure Kosovo villages had been destroyed. The sweep by Septian troops inder Mr. Milosevic's coorol is the lates attempt to crush the Kosovo guerrilla in their fight for independence.

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province, about 90 percent are ethic



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**BUSINESS/FINANCE** 

# W Offers Cosworth

Bil to Buy Engine Maker Ams to Thwart Rolls Rival

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribun

ONDON — In a last-minute eetener designed to enhance its offer ff. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd. and pempt rival hidders, Volkswagen AG sid Thursday that it would buy the osworth engine division of Rolls-foyce's parent company, Vickers PLC, br £120 million (\$196.5 million).

For Volkswagen, whose £430 million id is already the highest on the table for colls-Royce itself, the move undercut the mategies of its two rivals and made the Jerman carmaker the favorite to win the pattle at an extraordinary meeting Friday of Vickers shareholders in London.

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG has refused to increase its £340 million offer for the British luxury carmaker, saying that there is hidden value in its role as an engine supplier to Rolls-Royce. BMW has also threatened to terminate supplies

Meanwhile, a group of domestic Rolls-Royce enthusiasts led by Michael Shrimpton played the national card, holding out the prospect of making a higher offer that would keep Rolls-Royce in British hands.

The domestic group, operating under the name Crewe Motors, indicated Thursday that it was prepared to make an offer similar to Volkswagen's hut provided no guarantees and did not identify its investors, said Neil Hayes, a spokesman for Vickers.

Lacking a clear offer, Vickers re-ected the group's request to delay the shareholder vote until it could finalize its bid, he said,

The Vickers board earlier warned shareholders this week that any delay in the sale of Rolls-Royce could damage the company's value, and it kept up the pressure Thursday.

The Cosworth sale "underlines the case for our shareholders approving the sale of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars to Volkswagen," the chairman of Vickers, Sir Colin Chandler, said.

Within Volkswagen group's own-ership, Rolls-Royce will have renewed direct access to a British-based source of

engineering skills and engine supply."

Most analysts predicted that institutional shareholders would vote overwhelmingly for the higher VW offer, which would overcome any resistance from small shareholders eager to keep se company in British bands. It will be determined purely on

rice," said Colin Fell of Dresdner

Kleinwort Benson. Joerg Dinner, a spokesman for BMW, reiterated Thursday that the company would not raise its offer and would stop supplying engines to Rolls-Royce when its current contract expires. Industry sources say the contract runs out in one year's time, raising questions

about whether Volkswagen will be able to find a substitute quickly enough.

BMW supplies V-12 engines for the new Roll-Royce Silver Seraph and V-8 engines for the four-door Bentley.
Under Volkswagen's offer, Cos-

worth would actually be acquired by VW's Aldi AG luxury unit.

Cosworth makes V-8 engines for two-

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad making a point Thursday in Tokyo, where he gave his view of Asia's future.

# Mahathir Warns of Asian Backlash

Malaysian Sees Threat of a 'Guerrilla War' as Foreigners Move In

TOKYO — Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia warned Thursday of a violent backlash by Asians, involving even a "guerrilla war," if foreigners used the region's financial crisis to take over their economies.

In an appearance at a symposium here on the future of Asia, Mr. Mahathir also took the International Monetary Fund to task for delaying payments to Indonesia and criticized nuclear powers for condemning Asian atomic tests.

The prime minister, who has long argued that foreign speculators and companies are behind Asia's woes, used some of his harshest language so far in portraying a possible near Doomsday future for the people of the region.

'Actually, there is not going to be much of a future for Asia, at least a

future distinctly Asian," Mr. Mahathir said. 'Asian countries will prosper again, but not as Asian countries Economies in the region would be run by huge foreign corporations, practic-

Bank invests in Korea. Page 17.

ally all owned and managed hy non-Asians, while governments would submit because they were up against forces they could not defeat, he said.

"But the people will show their re-sentment against those outsiders who will lord it over them once again," he said. 'Sooner, rather than later, they will think of regaining control over their economies. They will regard this as a new war of liberation.

Mr. Mahathir said the region was

threatened hy a new hreed of foreign capitalists with trillions of dollars at their disposal. Asian countries on their own would not be able to stop foreign capitalists from dominating the world and making lots of money in the pro-cess, he said. "Only if their own countries restrain them will the future of the world, of which Asia is a part, be peaceful and prosperous." he said.
Turning to Indonesia, Mr. Mahathir said the IMF should release funds to the

impoverished nation. He said Indonesia badly needed the funds but that their disbursement was conditional on the

nation stabilizing itself.

And one of the things it must do in order to stabilize is to change the gov-ernment, which Indonesia has done," he said. "But a change without the funds is not going to help."

# Banks Grant Jakarta A Chance to Recover

Creditors Agree to Delay Repayment of Debt

FRANKFURT — The floundering Indonesian economy was thrown a lifeline Thursday when international banks agreed to delay repayment of \$80 billion in foreign-currency debt owed by the country's cash-strapped companies.

The beleaguered corporate sector, which has seen its foreign debt rocket as

the rupiah lost 80 percent of its value against the dollar since July, will be allowed to restructure its external debt over eight years, with a three-year peri-od in which only interest must be paid.

The banks and Indonesia agreed to create an agency, the Indonesian Debt Restructuring Agency, that will "provide exchange-rate risk protection and assurance" for available foreign exchange.

"The historic agreement reached today between Indonesia and the Bank States of Committee description

Steering Committee demonstrates both support for and long-term confidence in the Indonesian economy," the chief economics minister, Ginandiar Katasasmita, said. "These agreements lay the basis for invaluable support for Indonesia's economic recovery.

The Jakarta stock market rose strongly in anticipation of an agreement. The composite share index jumped 13.72 points, or 3.5 percent, to 406.33. But the rupiah languished, with the dollar inching up to 11,750 rupiah from 11,650 on Wednesday.

'Jakarta has not had good economic news for a long time," said Andre Cita, associate director of Bahana Securities in Jakarta. "This could be the start of a recovery for several companies."

In Frankfurt, where the debt negotiations were taking place, Deutsche Bank AG said the main points of a framework deal had been agreed. Deutsche Bank led the talks along with Chase Manhattan Bank Corp. and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsuhishi Ltd.

It was not clear what, if any, concessions were made by Indonesia or its companies. Jakarta has said it would not subsidize exchange rates for companies seeking to repay foreign debt, some-thing banks had hoped for.

"I am surprised that banks would settle so fast without an exchange-rate snbsidy," said John Seel of Bear Stearns Asia Ltd. "If they won't see the

money for eight years, why not hold ont for a while for a set exchange rate?"
Still, for the banks, said Daniel Hem-

Still, for the banks, said Daniel Hemmant, a fund manager at Guinness Flight Hambros in London, "any deal you can cut where there's a chance yon can get your money back is a good deal. Unfortunately, it's rather hard to see Indonesia stabilizing in the near term."

But the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Asian Devel.

the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank said the debt deal would alleviate the pressures on foreign-exchange markets and produce a significant improvement in the Indonesian economic situation.

The World Bank said that it welcomed the deal and was considering the early release of up to \$1 hillion in loan dis-

ursements within the next two weeks.

A \$43 billion international rescue package for Indonesia, led by the In-ternational Monetary Fund, was put on hold last month amid mass rioting and political upheaval. The IMF says it will consider releasing its loans once a team due in Jakarta on Monday completes a

review of the economy.

Indonesia is facing its first recession in 30 years. The economy is expected to shrink 10 percent this year.

Indonesian companies welcomed the restructuring pact.

"The next three years will still be difficult because of the magnitude of the current crisis," said Harun Hajadi, president director of property company Ci-putra Development. But two years after that would likely be a recovery period. So we need at least five years. With a period of eight years, companies should be able to survive.

Companies participating in the plan will be allowed to huy dollars at the best, real 20-day average market exchange rate until June 30, 1999.

There are incentives for debtors who join the program before the end of January 1999, the banks and Indonesia said, not spelling out what those incentives were. The two sides also said they had reached agreement on repayment of the estimated \$9.2 billion owed by Indonesian banks to other foreign banks. This so-called interbank deht will be extended up to four years, the banks and Indonesia said. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

# In Japan, Foreign Firms See Financial Gold Mine

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - The Great Japan Money

With \$9 trillion in private savings up for grabs, international hanks and money managers are hurtling into Tokyo to stake their claims. Japan's "Big Bang" market liberalization, which began in April, is breaking down the barriers and luring the likes of Travelers Group Inc., which this week bought a 25 percent share of Nikko Securities Co.,

the country's third-largest brokerage. Merrill Lynch & Co. and General Electric Capital Corp. have already picked up ailing Japanese institutions or their branches and are trying to rescue them with Western-style management and marketing techniques.

Still other American companies will be making a giant push over the next few months, in part because hy December foreign institutions will be allowed for the first time to sell mutual funds in partnership with Japanese banks.

In their struggle to win a larger share of the market in the world's secondbiggest economy, the Americans are redrawing the rules of the financial playing field here and sending shock waves down the halls of their Japanese competitors. Though foreigners have stumbled in the dark for years in Japan, this time the prize is too hig to ignore.

tunity than Japan in the asset management husiness," said John Alkire, a managing director who heads Morgan Stanley Asset Management in Japan, a unit of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. "If you want to stake out your house in this gold rush, you want to make sure you get

your pegs out there as far as you can." It is not just the Americans who are rushing in; Swiss Bank Corp., for example, has formed an asset-management venture with Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd.

But while other Western institutions are also prospecting here, it is the Americans who bave pnt down the most

The goal is a chunk of the savings of people like Megumi Narita, a young training consultant who keeps ber money in a neighborhood bank - earning less than I percent interest. The Japanese are enormously conservative investors, leaving the hnlk of their savings in banks and the postal savings system, but young people like Miss Narita are increasingly fed up with the dis-

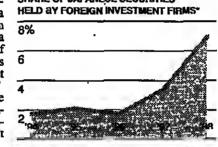
mal interest rates.
"I often see middle-aged men on the train reading the stock market tables in the newspaper, and I want to buy, too,"
Miss Narita said the other day, discussing investments with friends. "But as a young woman, I've always been a bit embarrassed to do so. And I never can figure out what the tables say anyway." The challenge for the Americans will

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#### Through an Open Door

Lower barriers to foreign ownership and the lure of doing business in the world's second-largest economy are bringing many American and European financial companies to Japan.

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Phone Giant Acquiring DSC of U.S. for \$4.4 Billion in Stock Compiled by Our Smill From Disputches

\$31 hillion in sales last year, said it would fold Dallas-based DSC into its

**Alcatel to Buy Network Leader** 

Thursday to huy DSC Communications Corp. for about \$4.4 billion in stock as the world's fourth-higgest maker of telecommunications equipment continued to expand its U.S. presence.

The purchase would give Alcatel the biggest network-access company in the United States - filling a hole in its operations there. It is the second major acquisition in two days among telecommunications-equipment makers, which are snapping up rivals to win orders as telephone companies expand their networks to handle increasing Internet traffic. Tellabs Inc. said. Wednesday that it would buy Ciena Corp.

Under the terms of the Alsthom agreement, which has been unanimously approved by the boards of both companies, DSC stockholders will receive 0.815 shares of Alcatel American depository shares for each DSC share they bold.

Converted into ordinary Alcatel shares, each DSC share would be worth 0.163 shares, the companies said. The French company, which recorded

U.S. telecommunications equipment husiness, Alcatel Network Systems Inc. Alcatel would also take on \$40 mil-

lion of net debt - the difference be-

tween DSC's \$600 million in long-term debt and its cash. While analysts generally praised the

strategic value of the acquisition, Alcatel stock tumbled after the company said it would need to create 20 million shares to buy DSC, increasing the number of shares outstanding by 12 percent. Alcatel shares closed at 1,178 francs (\$198) in Paris, down 124 francs. On the Nasdaq stock exchange, DSC closed at \$27.50, np \$7.8125.

Laurent Tignard, a fund manager at Axa Asset Management in Paris, said: "It's good news, and it's bad. It's buying a company that's worn out and poorly run and will take at least 18 months to turn around — and that's 18 months lost."

Still, analysts said Alcatel's purchase would help it in competition against the world's leaders, including Lucent Technologies Inc. and Motorola Inc.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

#### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

# The Internet Needs Light Regulation

By Reginald Dale

don or Paris, it is often easier and cheaper to order compact disks via the Internet from the United States, and to have them delivered by express mail, than to buy them in a local store. Soon customers will be able to cut

with music downloaded from the In- tries. The first kind of transaction, in

in theory, be subject to import duties. But what about the second?

which has always been duty-free? That is the kind of thorny issue that governments are just starting to tackle suspicious of the U.S. plan and unsure as what is known as "electronic com-

merce" begins to take off.

According to one estimate, 1 billion

TASHINGTON — For disks and airline rickets will account music lovers in, say, Lon- for only a small fraction of total electronic commerce.

The vast bulk of transactions will be between husinesses doing such

things as placing orders from sup-pliers or transferring financial and legal information to clients or subsidiaries. Airbus Industrie is already out the mailman as well as the store by designing the parts of its airliners on-creating disks on their own computers line in four different European coun-

It is the United States, as the world leader in information technology and which a package actually moves from in many of the items likely to be traded one country to another, should, at least on the internet, that stands to benefit the most.

So it is perhaps not surprising that Is the creation of a compact disk Washington is leading a campaign to from the Internet in the privacy of make all Internet transactions dutyone's home equivalent to trading in free, at least when products and sergoods or is it more like a service, such vices are delivered electronically. The as a trans-Atlantic telephone call, European Union, the other giant of the world trading system, agrees.

how they might benefit from it.

That is the main reason why the conducted over the Internet around the last month agreed to do no more than world will run to several hundred hil- adopt a temporary moratorium on new so many years trying to remove from lion dollars a year by early next cen- Internet duties until the issue is reviewed again next year.

Another hig problem is that the EU people, or nearly 20 percent of the and the United States fundamentally

world population, will have access to the Internet in less than 15 years. But private individuals buying compact disks and airline nekets will account WTO rules to be updated and clarified to apply to electronic commerce and Washington insisting that Internet users should regulate themselves.

Both make good points. The EU argues that electronic commerce will not fully flourish unless there are commonly agreed rules in such areas as data protection, privacy, the validity of electronic signatures on contracts and competition questions such as price fixing and restrictive business prac-

The United States is terrified that excessive regulation — indeed virtually any regulation — will hamstring the Internet and stifle the creativity and imagination that have been the main sources of its success so far.

It is clear, however, that the United States will not single-handedly be able to dictate the way the Internet is run.

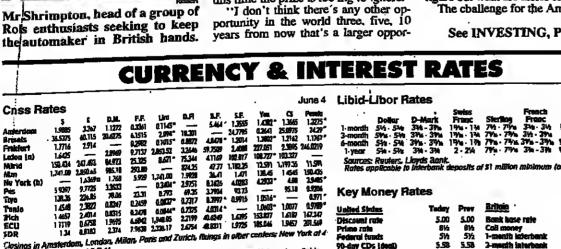
In one way or another, electronic commerce will have to be brought under the rules of the trading system.

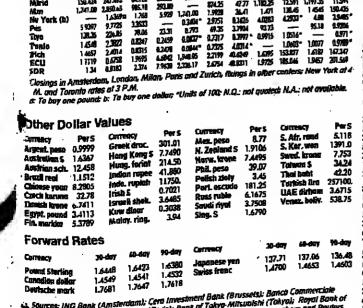
The hope must be that the regulatory touch remains as light as possible and that governments do not encumber this Most estimates suggest that husiness World Trade Organization in Geneva dynamic new activity with the kind of damaging obstructions they have spent the rest of world trade.

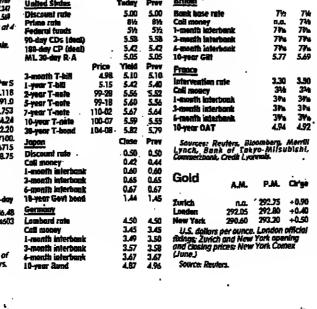
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- Sprint Corp. is expanding its 10-cent-a-minute rate to 24hours a day for residential long-distance and collect calls.
- Schwinn Cycling & Fitness Inc. is putting its popular Orange Krate and Apple Krate bicycles of the late 1960s and early '70s back into limited production, targeting buyers from their 20s to mid-40s. The bikes should reach stores by early July.
- Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. continued downsizing, saying it would sell home health care operations in 12 states to Medshares Inc. of Tennesee and Interim Healthcare Inc. of Florida for a total of \$28 million.
- General Motors Corp. is delaying the opening of an assembly plant in eastern Thailand until the first half of 2000 due to the region's economic turmoil.

#### Oil Prices Rise as Producers Meet

NEW YORK -- Crude oil prices rose strongly Thursday after officials from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico agreed to meet in Amsterdam to consider further production cuts to lift prices.

The three countries initiated an earlier round of global production cuts during a meeting in late March. The cuts, which eventually totaled 1.72 million barrels a day, were not enough to eliminate a world oil glut that sent prices to the lowest levels in nearly a decade. Crude still is 24 percent cheaper than a year ago.

In late trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude oil for July delivery rose 47 cents per barrel, to \$15.28.

Mexico. Norway and five other countries that are not members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries 1.7680 DM from 1.7693 DM on joined 10 OPEC members in the last round of production cuts.

# Stalled U.S. Funds Imperil an IMF Rescue of Russia

By Paul Blustein and Helen Dewar Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -- As Russia emerges as the latest candidate for a bailout loan from the International Monetary Fund, debate is raging with new intensity over the IMF's role and U.S. support for the institution.
As far as the Clinton adminis-

tration and its allies are concerned, a potential disaster is looming larger by the day — a scenario that can be disnelled only if Congress approves \$18 billion in U.S. contributions to help replenish the IMF's coffers.

Asian financial markets are being buffeted by renewed turmoil just as Russia nears the brink of a currency collapse. And the IMF, which already has committed \$35 billion in the past year to rescue crisis-stricken Asia, has less than \$15 billion left in ready cash. Much of that would be eaten up by any Russian bailout package.

'The IMF has had enough money in the till to handle the Asian crisis if the crisis did not deepen and did not widen," said Representative Jim Leach, Republican of Iowa, who is chairman of the House Banking Committee and a strong supporter of the IMF. 'It now appears that In-donesia is deepening it and Russia is widening it. These are issues that Congress ignores at the peril of international economic stability.

economy in the first quarter grew at the fastest rate since 1990, rekind-

ling talk that the Bundesbank may

raise interest rates before long.
"The overall performance of the

economy is quite encouraging,"

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said James Shugg, an economist at

Westpac Banking Corp. in London.

The report "doesn't warrant a rate

rise in the next week," he said,

though it gives Germany more jus-

tification for raising rates this year,

as expected in the run-up to in-

troduction of the single European

In 4P.M. trading, the dollar fell to

currency in January.

ways in the debate over how to handle international economic crises. The Fund's critics contend that if anything, IMF rescues look even less worthwhile since Indonesia descended into political chaos and Russian financial markets began to plunge last month. Both coun-

tries, they say, already had received billions of dollars in IMF loans at the time their problems intensified. "The International Monetary Fund bears much responsibility for Russia's current financial straits,' the House majority leader, Richard Armey, Republican of Texas, said in letter to colleagues this week. The ever present hope of an IMF bailout - reinforced by the enormous international bailouts of Mex-

ico in 1995 and Asia now - has until recently diluted Russia's willingness to embrace the financial reforms necessary to save herself." As a result, the prospects for ap-proval of the IMF funding measure this year are looking fuzzier than

ever. The Senate approved it this spring, but it has been bottled up in the House, where conservative Republican lawmakers are insisting that it contain an unrelated abortion amendment that has prompted veto threats from the White House.

Senator Richard Lugar, Repub-But so far, such arguments are lican of Indiana, a supporter of IMF doing little to advance the IMF's funding, said the upheaval in Russia

The dollar slipped against the yen

Deputy finance officials from the

G-7 will meet in Paris on Tuesday

and Wednesday to discuss ways to

help Russia stem a financial crisis.

The governing Liberal Democratic

Party of Japan said the group also

would discuss ways to boost the

through 140 yea, but there are too

many concerns about intervention."

Mr. Shugg said,

"People want to push the dollar

The dollar also fell to 138.45 yen

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the same reasons," Mr. Lugar said.

Even the IMF's boosters acknowledge that the Russian crisis present some thorny dilemmas that highlight the pitfalls of international rescues. Prime among these is what economists call "moral hazard" - the problem that bailouts may encour-

age imprudent behavior by governments and investors. 'A lot of money has gone into the Russian market from people buying Russian Treasury bills knowing that the economic fundamentals aren't

very strong," said Desmond Lach-

man, head of emerging-markets re-

search at Salomon Smith Barney.

Then there is Mr. Armey's point about how the likelihood of being rescued may have eased pressure on Moscow to reform. The government

of President Boris Yeltsin so far has failed to take the painful steps that economists agree are necessary to slash the budget deficit, collect taxes, and decrease the government's dependence on short-term borrowing. But the consequences of rejecting

a bailout could be disastrous, in the view of the Treasury, the IMF and other private experts.

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to maintain the ruble's value. "That would send shock ways, certainly across other emerging na-kets, and probably globally." If

Lachman said. "It would just mannify what's occurring in Asia." Even more important than the danger of financial "contagion," a the view of administration officiar. is the risk that cutting off Moscos would severely undermine M. Yeltsin's generally pro-reform at proach and help extremist force: gain influence in a nation armel

with thousands of nuclear weapons

# Technology Issues Lift the Market

NEW YORK - Stocks rose Thursday, lifted by a rebound in computer-

related stocks and rising oil shares. Intel led computer stocks, rebound-ing from a slide Wednesday on speculation that it would warn of disappointing earnings, while oil shares rose on optimism that oil-producing nations would cut production.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 66.76 points higher at 8,870.56, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended 12.10 points at 1,094.83. The Nasdaq composite index closed up 27.64 points at 1,769.95. Gaining issues out-Richfield rose 1½ to 7 numbered losing ones by a 4-to-3 Texaco rose 1 11/16 to 58.

ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. Intel rose 21/4 to 68 3/16 after denying it was about to issue a warning on its profit outlook. The stock

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fell Wednesday after Hambrecht & percent in April after rising 0.2 per-Quist said the company would not meet expectations.

Ascend Communications rose 3 1/16 to 44 on speculation that the maker of phone equipment might be an acquisition target. Among the oil stocks, Atlantic Richfield rose 11/2 to 791/2 and

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cent in March. The economy's resilience may prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates. That prospect forced the price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond down 18/32 point, to 104 9/32. The yield rose to 5.82 percent from 5.79 percent (Bloomberg, AP)

#### INVESTING: Foreign Firms Rush to Sign Up Japanese

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be to persuade Miss Narita, and millions more like her, to take the first step and actually make investments. The money management and insurance landscape has proved to be a minefield for foreign companies in the past. For years, foreign companies banged on doors here, trying to break into this intensely clubby, closed and secretive market.

Merrill Lynch opened branches in the late 1980s and 1990, only to close them in 1993. Fidelity Investments, the giant mutual fund arm of Boston-based FMR Corp., has had an office here since 1969, but its sleepy business did not get very far until recently.

Likewise, after winning its first The pound was little changed at pension management account in marketing strategies, that profits get a more efficient financial systems.'

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What is different now is that Jadustry. Under international pressure rigid markets, Tokyo seems willing to let foreign companies acquire its

gain a place on an inside track. "For the last 50 years, we have from the rest of the world in terms of way the market works. information technology and fitional affairs. "That has to change."

For that reason, foreign compa-

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agement Japan Ltd., a unit of Merrill remember just how well they did Lynch, had to wait two years before it got a second.

after the Big Bang in London in 1986 and the May Day 1975 liberalization in New York. Those efpan is liberalizing the arcane rules forts led to a broad restructuring of that have fettered the financial in- the financial markets in Britain and America, and now foreigners and to revive its sinking economy and its Japanese alike are hoping that the liberalization will do the same for

institutions, or pieces of them, to One trend seems clear: Foreign companies are competing with Japanese institutions on their home turf been relatively isolated, insulated and, in the process, changing the

"Foreigners have been a catalyst nance," said Eisuke Sakakibara, for change in Japan," said Clifford deputy finance minister for interna- Shaw, president of Mercury Asset Management Japan. "Whatever way it happens, we are going to get nies are betting, as they roll out their from here to there. We are going to

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#### U. S. STOCK MARKET DIARY

**Mark Advances on Dollar** 

Booming Growth in Germany Sparks Talk of Rate Rise

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# Commerzbank Boldly Goes to South Korea

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VIENNA -- Many investors are fleeing Asia, especially as the financial crisis appears worsen. But the chairman of Commerzbank AG of Germany says that his decision to buy 30 ercent of Korea Exchange Bank will pay off in

The \$250 million investment by Cominerzbank, announced last week, is a sign that some financial players think that the South Korean economy eventually will return to solid

The region as a whole is in trouble. We know that, but it appears to us that Korea is managing its recovery better than the other" countries, Martin Koblhaussen, chairman of Commerzbank, said Wednesday. "How fast Korea will reach its old position is hard to determine, but an investment of this nature is But Mr. Koblhaussen said, "We looked into not short term.

Mr. Kohlhaussen directed Commerzbank's activities in Asia for 10 years. Korea Exchange Bank bas about 400 branches and \$56 billion in assets.

Mr. Kohlhaussen, one of dozens of chief executives from banks around the world bere for a meeting of the International Monetary Conference, said the other bankers had expressed surprise that his institution was willing to put its money on the line in recession-racked South Korea, particularly with the Asian coun-

try's financial system in turmoil. But Mr. Kohlhaussen said Commerzbank had used Western accounting and legal firms and its

the books very carefully" and were satisfied with what was found.

One key reason the South Korean economy went into a tailspin last year, along with the economies of Thailand and Indonesia, was that banks there had borrowed large amounts of money abroad that they could not repay because it had been lent to failing companies.

A \$57 billion bailout by the International Monetary Fund along with restructuring of debt owed to foreign banks, was directed largely at keeping South Korean banks from going under. In many cases, the South Korean banks were in far worse shape than they had been willing to

# EU Wins Appeal of a WTO Tariff Ruling

BRUSSELS - A World Trade Organization appeals body backed the European Union on Thursday in a complaint filed by the United States over EU tariffs on computer networking equipment, an EU source said.

The state of the s The source said that a WTO appeals body had overturned a ruling by a dispute settlement panel that

blow to companies such as California-based Cisco Systems Inc. and Bay Networks Inc., as well as New Hampshire-based Cabletron Systems Inc., which are seeking to sell their products at lower prices in the lucrative European market.

The tariff dispute dates from 1994, when the EU agreed to cut its supported the United States in its case against the EU, Ireland and Britain over tariff increases on lo-

# EU and U.S. Take On Cartels

BRUSSELS — The European Union and the United States agreed Thursday to increase coordination against illegal cartels and abuse of dominant positions by multinational companies.

Commission, which is the EU ex- investigate a complaint by the airecutive, also proposed an accord line reservation system operator with the antitrust authorities of Sabre Group Holdings Inc. against a Canada and said it was holding sim- rival European system, Amadeus. ilar talks with Japan and South Africa to better combat anti-competitive practices in an increasingly global economy.

The U.S.-EU agreement is more far-reaching in that it specifically to the U.S. Justice Department. provides for one of the two competition authorities to step back while the better-placed authority investigates suspected infringements dling positive comity requests.

taking place in its territory but af-

fecting the whole world. The so-called positive comity agreement is not altogether new Similar provisions in a 1991 EU-U.S. agreement on competition mat-ters served as the basis last year for a In a separate move, the European U.S. request for the Commission to

> More recently, Europe also re-frained from taking action against Microsoft Corp. over the inclusion in its popular Windows software of its Internet browser, leaving the matter

The oew accord will further cement this principle by laying down the conditions and details for hantions and reclassified one type of computer as a television receiver. Tariffs almost doubled on these products as a result of the reclassifications. Since 1995, other EU members have reclassified and raised tariffs.

The ruling by the appeals body prompted questions about the way the WTO handles trade disputes involving complex technical ques-

"Panels are comprised largely of trade officials," said Richard Johnson, a senior partner at Arnold & of them are "superb generalists, lack of technical expertise may in-

cal-area network equipment. The reclassify networking equipment in-appellate body's decision was a to a category for telecommunica-cisions and the appellate body." The appellate body is staffed by full-time WTO legal officers.

The WTO is due to carry out a review of how it resolves disputes this year. President Bill Clinton has called for nongovernmental bodies to be given a role, and the WTO director-general, Renato Ruggiero, has said that making the organiza-tion more accountable is a priority.

The three-person body that ruled in the tariff dispute was chaired by Crawford Falconer from New Zealand. The other two members were Ernesto de la Guardia from Argen-Porter in Washington. While many tina and Carlos Antonio da Rocha Paranhos from Brazil.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

#### Russian Bank Denies Palladium Sales

Bloomberg News

Moscow — The Russian central bank said Thursday that it had not the government export agency. sold any palladium from its reserves this year, denying reports that sent palladium prices down this week.

The Russian central bank, which has an undisclosed amount of pal-RAO Norilsk Nickel, Russia's traders reported Russian selling. monopoly producer of palladium. On Thursday, palladium prices in which provides about 60 percent of London rose \$24 an ounce, to \$282, the world's annual output of the on concern about supplies.

metal. Both can export palladium only through Almazyuvelirexport,

The central bank hasn't put any metal for export this year," spokeswoman for the bank said. A near five-month halt in palladium shipments from Russia sent deladimm in reserves, is one of the mand for the metal soaring and prices commy's two possible sources of to record highs. Prices have dropped metal to export. The other one is by about a third since mid-May as

# Bonds Sold. Russia Cuts **Key Rates**

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MOSCOW - Russia slashed key interest rates Thursday to 60 percent from 150 percent, apparently confident that a successful bond sale Wednesday had raised enough funds to stave off a ruble devaluation.

The central bank lowered its refinancing rate, the rate at which banks lend to each other, and its Lombard rate, the rate at which the central bank lends to other banks for three to 20 days. The reduction reverses an increase last week taken to shore up the ruble after investors fled government debt markets.

'Somebody is acting with a degree of confidence that hasn't been seen in a long time," said Pai Rothstein, investment adviser at the Mos-

cow brokerage Troika-Dialog.
Government debt yields fell below 50 percent Thursday from more than 74 percent Monday, after Russia sold 5.83 billion rubles (\$945.7 million) worth of Treasury debt and a \$1.25 billion Eurobond on Wednesday. That eased concern a cash shortage would threaten Moscow's ability to pay its debt and force a ruble devaluation.

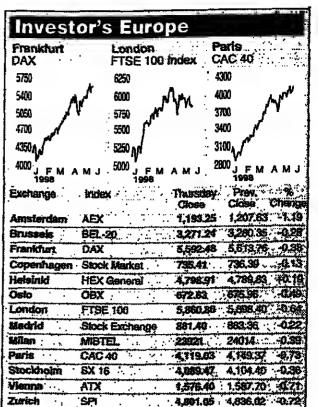
Now, with cash in government coffers, Russian leaders say the country does not need an emergency loan from international lenders to pay debts and steady the ruble.

"The borrowing situation has changed for the better," Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko said after a meeting in Paris of Russian and French political and business leaders. "We have no need for extra resources.

Deputy Finance Minister Oleg Vyugin told the Interfax new agency: "The fact that foreign investors immediately bought Russian securities even without the traditional advertising campaign indicates that they are confident in Russia and believe in the ability of the government to cope with recent difficulties in the financial markets,"

Despite the optimistic government pronouncements, analysts say some sort of bailout package is still likely, as some Western financial institutions, particularly German banks, have significant stakes in the Russian market.

(Bloomberg, AP)



#### Very briefly:

• The European Central Bank appointed Otmar Issing of Germany as the new institution's chief economist.

 OAO Lukoll Holding said higher taxes and lower oil prices had offset gains from increased production and exports, resulting in a 1997 profit of 1.8 billion rubles (\$292 million) for the top Russian oil producer. New accounting standards made comparison with 1996 figures impossible, it said. Lukoil reported a profit of \$756 million for 1996.

 Pilkington PLC announced higher-than-expected pretax profit and said it would step up layoffs from the 6,000 originally planned. The British glassmaker plans to shed another 1,500 jobs, mainly in Australia. Profit fell 5.3 percent, to £125 million (\$204.7 million), in the year ended in March. Sales fell 6.9 percent, to £2.7 billion.

· ABN-AMRO Holding NV's chief executive, Jan Kalff, said the largest Dutch bank had bought oo the open market "about 2 percent" of Generale de Banque SA. Belgium's biggest bank, amid a bidding war with Fortis AG. Boots Co.'s pretax profit rose 3.2 percent, to £553.2 million.

in the year ended March 31. Group sales rose 12 percent, to £4.98 billion. • Moulinex SA reported that profit soared, to 203 million

francs (\$34.1 million), in the year ended in March. It reported a profit of 29 million francs a year earlier.

Axel Springer Verlag AG said it was still undecided whether to make an offer to buy Mirror Group of Britain. • Daily Mail & General Trust PLC reported a 55 percent

rise in first-half pretax profit, to £72.7 million.

 Deutsche Telekom AG's chief executive, Ron Sommer, said he wanted to halve losses, which last year amounted to 4 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.26 billion), in Telekom's payphone business, consumer products, information services, broadband networks and foreign holdings. Reuters, Bloomberg

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# Kazakh Reassurances

Investors 'Protected by Law,' President Says

By Peter S. Green International Herald Tribune

ALMATY - The president of Kazakhstan, Nursullan Nazarbayev, promised foreign investors Thursday that they were "protected by law."

He denied that Kazakh authorities

intended to renegotiate a number of major investment agreements.

Mr. Nazarbayev's comments came amid rising opposition in Kazakhstan to the sale of strategic husinesses and

resources to foreigners. In a speech at an investment con-ference here, Mr. Nazarbayev said that, despite reports and rumors to the contrary, there was no plan for a widespread review of privatization contracts or leases for oil, gas and other

minerals that have drawn investors to his country. Mr. Nazarbayev acknowledged concem about possible mistakes in the country's rapid privatization program. We all make mistakes, including this

government," he said. But he said there were no plans for a wholesale review of the program. "No sanctions will be levied if you

have not violated the terms and provisions of your contracts," Mr. Nazarbayev told investors at a conference organized by the International Herald Tribune. "Foreign investors, don't be afraid. You are protected by the

\*These disputes are only in the areas where the investors are not fulfilling their obligations and commitments under the existing contracts," he added.
"We are talking about only one or two
companies or investors."
From 1994 to 1997, Kazakhstan

conducted one of the fastest sell-offs of state property in history. Half to threequarters of the country's output is now in private hands, and vast oil, gas and mineral wealth that had lain undisturbed while the country was part of the Soviet Union is being tapped, mainly by foreign enterprises.

But falling world commodity prices and the difficulty of getting oil to mar-ket from this mountainous, landlocked country have cut government income. and there is growing political oppo-sition, particularly from Prime Minister Nurlan Balgimbayev, to selling

strategic enterprises to foreigners. In one instance, Mr. Balgimbayev and the Belgian-owned power com-pany Tractebel CIS, which runs the Almaty city power supply, held rival news conferences to accuse each other of violating the company's privatiza-

tion agreement. That dispute was settled only when President Nazarbayev stepped in on

existence," Mr. Anwar said. "It will be

run professionally, outside the direct

purview of the government, except for

J.P. Morgan & Co. and the accounting

firm Arthur Andersen & Co. had been

appointed financial advisers to the

agency, which would "operate in a rig-

orous regime of transparent reporting

and be subject to external audit.

Lai, Tak Heong, research director of

SG Asian Securities Research in Knala

Lumpur; a unit of the Societe Generale

SA of France, said that if the agency

Some analysts worry that

friends of the government.

operated strictly in line with principles

outlined by Mr. Anwar, it should help

basten the recovery of both banks and the economy. But be cautioned that there were 'still a lot of skeptics out

there who feel the AMC will be used to

hail out friends of the government. So it

is important that the actual implemen-

tation is seen to be done on a very fair

basis, at arms length, and that it does not

favor one party over another."

the agency will bail out

He added that the investment bank

policy issues and direction.



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Mr. Nazarbayev, who ruled out wholesale review of privatizations.

"Balgimbayev doesn't favor giving full control to foreigners," said an investor in Kazakhstan. "He says to investors, 'Just give us a hlank check and we'll run the company."

That, in the opinion of businessmen and financial advisers in Almary, is why the president has moved to reassure investors.

Mr. Nazarbayev said a new council to advise on future privatization strategy would be set up, reporting directly to the president.

Mr. Jandosov, the foreign invest-ment official, said: There will be no wholesale review. We will seek to revise deals only if they are breaking the agreement or breaking the law. We will sit down at the table with them and

# Korean Air Ready To Buy 27 Boeings

By Laurence Zuckerman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Korean a result of the economic crisis smaller than hoped. in the region, plans to announce next week that it is buying 27 new Boeing 737 passenger jets valued at a total of \$1.35 hillion.

The new order is expected to be made public Tuesday during a state visit to Wash-ington by President Kim Dae

Jung.
It is good news for Boeing Co., which said only last week that weakening demand from Asia would force it to cut production next year of its 747 jumbo jet

Since the Asian economy went into a tailspin last summer, airline passenger traffic an interview that the airline, in the region bas plunged as

delivery of several Boeing economy collapsed last year. 747s and 777s. Eva Airways

In April, unsold vehicles

grew to the equivalent of 117

estimate, above the industry

norm of 70 days. Toyota Mo-

tor Corp. has a 46-day supply

and Honda Motor Co. a 39-

day supply, analysts estimate.

The company also will try

worth \$900 million.

There is concern in Boeing that an order it was expecting Air, bucking a trend that has to get from China during seen many Asian airlines President Bill Clinton's visit delay orders for new planes as there this month might be

"We are extremely pleased that Korean Air is exercising leadership in Asia by stepping forward, even during difficult times, with this order," said Carie Cahle, speaking for Boeing.

But selling the single-aiste, twin-engine 737 is not nearly as lucrative as selling wide-body models like the 747 and 777. And Boeing is apparently betting that hy the time Korean Air begins taking delivery of the airliners in 2000, the Asia crisis will be over.

Yang Ho Cho, chief executive of Korean Air, said in which is a subsidiary of Hanjin Group and is already heavily in debt, has had trou-In the last week alone, heavily in debt, has had trou-Malaysian Airline System hle borrowing money over-Bhd. said it would delay the seas since the South Korean

He said Boeing was willing Ltd. of Taiwan dropped plans to accept a smaller down pay-to huy at least six long-range ment for the new planes, giving the airline time to arrange financing later.
"We believe by the year

2000, when our economic situation improves, financial institutions will offer to fi-

nance it," he said. Until then, Mr. Cho added, Korean Air, ton, may have to consider delaying its pur-chase of new wide-body jets. days' worth of sales, analysts The airline plans to take de-livery of a total of 10 747s. 777s and Airbus A330s this year and a combination of 11 more in 1999.

"We are looking at that right now," be said. "It depends on the economic situation. We have the option to delay.

Some analysts suggested that the Boeing order was a way for South Korea to thank the United States for supporting the bailout the country received from the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Cho said that the timing of the order and Mr. Kim's visit to the United States were "just a coinci-

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#### Very briefly:

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 Japanese companies increased the share of foreign microchips they bought in 1997 by a record 5.8 percentage points, to 33.3 percent, despite the end of an imports-target agreement. Shenyin & Wanguo Securities Co., Haitong Securities Co. and Guangfa Securities Co., three Chinese hrokerages, have resumed proprietary trading after a one-year ban imposed for market manipulation, just in time for some of this year's higgest share flotations by state companies.

· Australia's central bank intervened for at least the third time this year to support the country's slumping currency after the U.S. dollar rose above 1,644 Australian dollars, its highest level in almost 12 years.

• NEC Corp., Toshiba Corp., Hitachi Ltd. and Fujitsu Ltd., the top Japanese makers of memory chips, said they did not plan follow the lead of Hyundai Electronics Industries Co. of South Korea in cutting production. Bloomberg, Remers

#### Debts Overwhelm Mitsui Wharf

Co., a Japanese harborfreight company, was granted court protection from creditors Thursday.

Mitsui Wharf filed for cor-Yokohama District Court with total liabilities of 20.37 hillion yen (\$146.9 million), said Seisaku Yamoto, a law-

yer for the company.
The Tokyo Stock Exchange said it would unlist shares of Mitsui Wharf from its second section as of Sept. 5.

Mitsui Wharf had been in-TOKYO - Mitsui Wharf volved in a dispute over hills worth approximately 3 hillion yen that it alleged had been forged by a former executive and others. The company's Mitsui Wharf filed for cor-porate restructuring with the nated. It posted a 6.38 billion

yen parent-company loss for the year ended March 31. Mitsui Wharf said it de-cided to seek court protection because "the company's finances deteriorated due to credit concerns aroused by the forgery case,"
(Bloomberg, Reuters)

# As Sales Slip, Nissan to Cut Output at U.S. Plant

TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co. said Thursday that it would No layoffs are planned, and lower production at its Smyrna, most workers are to be given Tennessee, plant by 25 percent to cut bloated inventories caused by sluggish sales.

maker said it would reduce in the value of its inventory of turing plan last month aimed

By Michael Richardson

KUALA LUMPUR - In its latest

move to ease problems in Malaysia's

debt-laden banking system, the govern-

ment announced guidelines Thursday for a new agency that will require as

much as 25 hillion ringgit (\$6.37 bil-

lion) to buy bad loans and the assets supporting them from troubled banks

With the move, Malaysia joins other countries hit hard by East Asia's eco-

nomic crisis, including Thailand and South Korea, that are selling debt to raise

Amoney to prop up their financial systems

Giving the first details of the gov-

ernment-backed Asset Management

Co., which was formed last month but has yet to take over any nonperforming

loans, Anwar Ibrahim, the deputy prime

minister and finance minister, said that it would fund its operations mainly by

Seeking to forestall criticism that the

agency might be used to bail ont compa-

nies that have close ties to the gov-

ernment, be said that it would operate in

a transparent manner in valuing and

huying assets from banks and then

selling them to repay bondholders.

The agency will operate within guidelines that meet international best

issuing domestic and foreign bonds.

vestors retreat from Asian markets.

and finance companies.

shutting production lines each when other carmakers have popular models. Friday until early October.

those days off with pay. Nissan, which recently re-

been posting record results. In May, Nissan vehicle

sales tumbled 11 percent, while the industry as a whole recorded its best selling rate ported its fifth net loss in six in 12 years. The company anyears because of write-downs nounced a three-year restruc-

Nissan has accrued 2.5 tril-

3.76 percent, to 518.

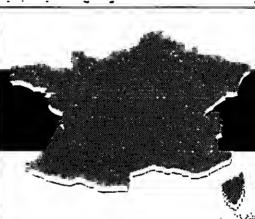
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Reducing debt "will get their costs down," said Peter Boardman, an analyst at SBC output at the plant to 300,000 leased cars, has been strug-cars per year from 400,000 by gling with poor sales at a time and producing a new line of probably O.K. now, but they

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Analysts said that several large

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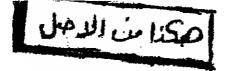
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# SPORTS

#### WORLD ROUNDUP

#### Pantani Dominates

CYCLING Marco Pantani of Italy powered his way up grueling mountain passes Thursday to clinch the 19th stage of the Tour of Italy and increase his lead over

Pavel Tonkov of Russia.
The 239-kilometer (148-mile) fide, under scorching sun, took its toll on the race favorite, Alex Zulle of Switzerland, who lost dozens of positions after dominating the initial stages. Zulle now sits 32 minutes behind Pantani, the overall

 Pantani, who captured the leader's pink jersey for the first time in his career Tuesday, now holds a one-minute, 28-second lead over Tonkov with three days to go. He completed the stage Thursday, the longest of the Tour, in 7 hours, 42 minutes and 52 seconds.

Tonkov, the 1996 Giro winner, is stronger than Pantani in time trials and could catch the Italian in the final time trial Saturday.

The 22-stage Giro ends Sunday in Milan. (AP)

#### A Guilty Plea for Bowe

BOXING The former heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge stemming from the abduction of his wife and children from their home,

He could face 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

A grand jury indictment handed up Tuesday said Bowe used "force, coercion, duress and fraud" in taking Judy Bowe across a state line, from North Carolina to Virginia, on

Authorities said Bowe had driven to his wife's home in Cornelius, North Carolina, a suburb of Charlotte, and ordered her and their five children into his car, after which he began driving toward his Maryland

Bowe drove about 200 miles (320 kilometers) before stopping at a restaurant in South Hill, Virginia, where Judy Bowe was able to get to a phone and call her sister in Corpoling for help, the police soid (48). nellus for help, the police said. (AP)

#### Tapie Spared More Jail

A Freoch appeals court oo Thursday spared the bankrupt former tycooo Bernard Tapie from spending more time in jail on fraud charges linked to his chairmanship of the Marseille soccer club.

The court in the southern city of Aix-en-Provence fined the onetime cahinet minister and influeotial businessman 300,000 francs (\$50,450) and gave him a threeear suspeoded seotence after up holding his cooviction oo charges of embezzling funds from the Marseille club.

Tapie was found guilty of embezzling 100 million francs between 1987 and 1993. (Reuters)

# A Stunning, Straight-Set Victory

#### Seles Routs No. 1 Hingis to Gain Final Against Sanchez Vicario

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

PARIS — "Is tennis good therapy right now?" someone asked Monica Seles's new coach, Gavin Hopper, dur-

ing this French Open.
"I think more than anything, that's the reason she came," he said.
It was no easy decision for Seles to

play in Paris after her father's death from cancer on May 14, but her house in Florida was too full of painful reminders, and so she boarded an airplane and flew back to the city where she won her first Grand Slam title at the more carefree age of 16.

On Saturday, she will get the chance to win the otte again. Seles earned that opportunity with a stunningly straight-forward 6-3, 6-2 victory over the world's No. 1 women's player, Martina Hingis, in Thursday's semifinals.

It was an afternooo for the oostalgic at Roland Garros, and Seles's opponent in the final will not be one of the mul-

#### Friday's Men's Semifinals

Carlos Moya (12) vs. Felix Mantilla (15) Moya is the more complete player with his bigger serve and ability to finish points at the net. He holds a career 4-3 lead over his occasional practice partner in Barcelooa, but Mantilla has won their last two matches on clay.

Alex Corretja (14) vs. Cedric Pioline Corretja leads the series, 2-1, and is 2-0 against Pioline on clay. He also has fresher legs, despite his marathon against Hernan Gumy in the third round. If this congenial Catalan with the wickedly effective groundstrokes and respectable serve can force long rallies and keep his shots deep, there will be an all-Spanish final Sunday.

plans who have been monopolizing most of the attendon this season. It will be Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain, who at age 26 has been winning matches at the French Open even longer than the -vear-old Seles.

Sanchez Vicario won an ugly one Thursday, defeating Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) in her semifinal as the towering American essentially shot her

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self in the soeaker by making 56 uoforced errors in a match that featured 15. "I guess I beat myself, but she kind of forced it oo me," Davenport said.

In five previous matches against Seles, Hingis had never lost to the neo-American, but all of those matches had come since Seles returned to the tour after her noplanned 25-month absence, the result of being stahbed in the back hy a spectator during a match in Hamburg in April 1993. in April 1993.

"I guess she surprised everybody."
Hingis said. "I mean she's been around for quite a while and then all of a suddeo she was gone, and here she is back, in better shape, prohably better than

That might be stretching it. Seles still lacks the relentless focus and unshakable self-belief that were the hallmarks of her play when she was dominating the sport in the early 1990s. At her best, she would oot have made five unforced forehand errors in one service game, as she did to open the secood set Thursday. And though she always has relied

more on anocipation than speed, she also does not cover court as well as she once did. But there were many moments on Thursday when Seles's two-toned grunts and aggressive, inside-thebaseline groundstroke play brought back a flood of familiar memories from finals and semifinals gone by oo the

ople teen queens with big games and big court where she has won three of ber pine Grand Slam titlet.

'Coming into the tournament I really wasn't that confident in my game, but in a weird way I bad a peace of mind," said Seles, who after playing at the Italian Open did not practice for 10 days because of her father's death. "In Rome, I felt like I aloued a lat beauty than a late that the said of the said o felt like I played a lot better tennis, but my mind just wasn't on the court. I think after deciding that I was going to play, I

really felt content with the decision.

That bas belped, because the last years I was oever really cootent with any decisioo I made. So I knew I was in the right place, and we worked really hard, Gavin and I, the last ten days that

I've been here." Nooetheless, even Hopper was surprised by her ability to dictate play consistently against Hingis, the 17-year-old Swiss who bas won the last three Grand Slam singles titles and had appeared extremely eager to win the only major trophy missing from her collection. "When she puts ber mind to something, she has proved to me she can lift to ecormous levels. Hopper said of

To be fair to Hingis, this was hardly her best day. She made many uncharacteristically casual errors from the baseline, returned poorly and served inconsistently. But unlike other top players, the sixth-seeded Seles made the Swiss suffer for her relatively weak second serve, winning 63 percent of the points when Hingis was forced to hit it.
"I knew I had to come out and be really aggressive today; I knew I had that in me," said Seles, who lost to Hingis in three sets in last year's French

Open semifinals.

But this match would last only two sets, and there were moments in the closing stages when Hingis seemed petulant and practically resigned to her fate.
"There is Wimbledon in two or three

weeks coming up, and I hope I'll be better there, but yeah. it's hard." said



Monica Seles, right, and Martina Hingis exchanging a sportsmanlike greeting at the net after Seles's victory at Roland Garros on Thursday.

Hingis, who admits that she oeeds to times in 16 matches and bolds a:4-1 improve her fitness slightly. "It's a Grand Slam. Only one champion can

it. She has beateo Sancbez Vicario 14 energetic Spaniard.

advantage since she rejoined the tour. If she can limit ber unforced errors and . continue to finish off some points at the Seles will oow be the favorite to win net, she has the weapons to dominate the

# On Eve of Belmont, Memories of the Great-Hearted Secretariat

By Bill Christine

TOT LONG after the incomparable Secretariat, the victim of a circulatory hoof disease, died on Oct. 4, 1989, a group of research pathologists examined his body oo an autopsy table at the University of Kentucky.

Almost everybody knew what Secretariat looked like on the outside, but the researchers were curious about what was inside, what made the champion of champions tick.

They found a heart that weighed 22 pounds (10 kilograms). The average horse's heart weighs 8.5 pounds. 'This was a beart completely out of anybody's

league." Thomas Swerczek, a pathologist who was present at the operation, said at the ome. "It explained bow he was able to do what be did in the Belmoot. We just stood there. We couldo't believe it. The heart was perfect. There were oo problems with it. It was just this huge eogine." As Real Quiet, winner of this year's Keonicky

Derby and Preakness, prepares for the Belmoot Stakes on Saturday and the chance to become only the 12th horse to win the Triple Crown, racing fans recall that Secretariat, powered by that inexhaustible engine, sprinted to that illustrious achievement

5 years ago.
Each jewel in Secretariat's 1973 crown was punctuated by a brilliant versatility that has been unequaled in the history of the series. Roo Turcotte, the jockey who rode Secretariat in all hut three of his 21 professional races, eventually learned that the chestnut colt marched to his own drumbeat, and oo any giveo day that rhythm might be different from the one that weot before. In the end, though, Secretariat was all fortissimo.

In the Kentucky Derby, Secretariat started the race in the middle of the pack, then methodically passed horses until there were oone ahead of birn in the stretch lane. For the final eighth of a mile. Secretariat was running only against the clock, and by the wire the clock had been shattered. His time for the 11/2 miles was 1:59 2/5. The Derby record bad been two minutes flat, set by Northern Dancer nine years before. The fastest Derby since Secretariat has been Spend A Buck's 2:00 1/5 in

Secretariat's Derby was a tour de force in the way a celebrated diva completes a difficult aria, one measured oote at a time. Two weeks later, Secretariat woo the Preakness with a clash of cymbals, hlowing everyooe's doors off. One second on the clubhouse turn he was in fourth place, more than five lengths from the lead, and in an instant he was flying by other horses, a zepbyr against opponents that seemed tied to posts.

"He was just dying to run," Turcooe said later.
"So I said to myself, 'I ain't going to choke this borse."

Secretariat literally broke the clock. Pimlico's automade Teletimer caught him in 1:55 for 1 3/16

miles, but several independent clockers, including two from the Daily Racing Form, said that he had run faster. The Racing Form's clocking of 1:53 2/5 would be a Preakness record,
The 1973 Belmoot still raises the hair on the

back of the oeck. First by seven lengths with a halfmile to go, Secretariat woo by a mind-boggling 31 lengths, his time of 2:24 shattering the record of 2:26 3/5, set by Gallant Man 16 years before.

"Secretariat was a running machine," the vet-eran trainer Harvey Vanier said. "All you had to do was bead him the right way and he'd take care of

Racing's first Triple Crown champion since Citadoo in 1948 was such a national idol that Time . and Newsweek pictured him on the covers of their magazines

Being the first Triple Crowo winner in a long time was a hig part of Secretariat's fame." said Penny Chenery, who raced the colt for her family's

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#### **SPORTS**

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# Stockton Leads Jazz Past Bulls in Overtime

Running Jumper Decides First Game, 88-85

By Mike Wise New York Times Service

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SALT LAKE CITY — The teammate he had relied on the most over the years was in the middle of an awful dream in which the rim shrinks and every shot bounces out. John Stockton knew Karl Malone was in trouble, so be whittled his offensive options down to one: birnself.

Driving into a lane filled with mounds of muscle and taller players, the Utah Jazz's ageless, 6-foot-1-inch (1.85 meters) playmaker lofted a running jumper over the outstretched arms of

#### NBA FINALS

Chicago's Steve Kerr with 9.3 seconds remaining in overtime on Wednesday

When the shot swished through, the Delta Center erupted and Michael Jordan's resilient team finally bowed their heads. Stockton, the little point guard who could, came through in Game I of the National Basketball Association finals, bailing out the Mailman and the Jazz in their pulsating 88-85 overtime victory over the Chicago Bulls.

He is very difficult to defend," Kerr said. 'He's the best point guard I've ever played against. He is amazing, and he was obviously the difference to-

If the Bulls were suddenly looking at a 1-0 deficit in the best-of-seven series. the Jazz were savoring a rare moment. They had weathered two thrilling comebacks by the Bulls — who trailed by 7 points with less than five minutes left in regulation and by 5 points in the

That meant the Jazz had survived Jordan, who finished with 33 points on 13-of-29 shooting.

The end was frantic. After Stockton's shot in the lane, Toni Kukoc nailed a Clong 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left to trim the lead to 86-85.

But Stockton hit two free throws with 3.5 seconds left to seal the victory, and Scottie Pippen's desperation 3-pointer bounced high off the rim to end the

Stockton scored 7 of his 24 points in the extra period, compensating for Malone's awful night from the field.

Malone, who made 9 of 25 shots, finished with 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Bryon Russell added 15 points for Utah. Pippen finished with 21 points for the Bulls, but missed 12 shots.

The Associated Press

victory over the defending Stanley

NHL PLAYOFFS

Cup champion Detroit Red Wings,

keeping the Stars alive in the Western

Game 6 will be played in Detroit on

Friday night with the Red Wings lead-

ing the best-of-seven series, 3-2.

Langenbrunner's rocket shot came

just 46 seconds into overtime on

Wednesday hight. The puck took a

Chicago's Luc Longley forced the overtime with a lean-in jump shot off the glass with 14.3 seconds left in regulation, then had the most critical turnover of the game in overtime. With 30 seconds remaining, he lost the ball as he dribbled toward the basket. After a scrum on the floor, Russell grabbed the hall while he was in a prone position and smartly called time out.

The best-executing team in basketball would have a chance to put Jordan away for good. With Kerr riding his left el-bow, Stockton delivered the final blow. He received a screen from Malone at the top of the key and penetrated into the lane, lofting the high-arching runner.

That was John Stockton, pure and simple," Russell said. "No nerves. He may be small, but he played huge." Jackson went to his bench after the

third quarter, hoping to give Jordan the rest he needed to take care of husiness in the final minutes. It worked for a while Scott Burrell, Jud Buechler and Kerr did a good job of preventing the Jazz from taking over the game — but eventually Utah wore Chicago down.

Jordan was Jordan when he needed to

be. He brought Chicago to within 2 points in the overtime on a perfect swish, turning around on the left baseline with both Russell and the 7-2 Greg Ostertag in his face and dropping in a 15-footer to make it 84-82 with 2 minutes 7 seconds left.

But on the next possession, the flame flickered. He was caught holding the hall and trying to force a shot as the shot clock expired with 1:18 remaining.

The Jazz led by 73-66 with 4:38 left in regulation when the Bulls regained their composure and their grit. Jordan created space for himself and made pull-up iumpers on consecutive possessions. Then Pippen added a devastating 3-pointer from the top of the key with 2:34 left. That shot silenced the building and tied the score at 75-75

Malone was arrocious from the field. Perhaps be was feeling the strain of last season's finals, in which he missed several crucial free throws to help the Bulls win in six games. Maybe the taped and misshapen middle finger on bis shooting hand was bothering bim more than he admitted before the series began.

Dennis Rodman was expected to start for the Bulls, but the club announced that be had suffered torn ligaments in bis right thumb during Game 7 of the Indiana series. Instead, Kukoc got the nod and the Bulls suffered physically for it.

little hop on the soft ice and beat Chris

in," Langenbrunner said. "I was just

trying to get a sbot on net. I just crossed the red line and shot."

Detroit's coach, Scotty Bowman,

refused to blame his goalie for the

defeat. "We lose as a team," Bow-man said. "We won two at home, so

the npper left-hand corner of the net

beat Osgood to tie the game, 2-2, with 1:25 left in regulation.

THE AUDIENCE IS GAZING UPON ME WITH RAPT ATTENTION!

Guy Carbooneau's wrist shot into

we know we can win there."



John Stockton of the Jazz starting to shoot the winning basket over Steve Kerr, No. 25, of the Bulls in the opening game of the NBA finals.

# **Wood Controls the Marlins**

His 9 Strikeouts Help Put Cubs 10 Games Over .500

Kerry Wood was his usual solid self and Sammy Sosa hit a two-run bomer as the Cubs beat the Florida Marlins, 5-1, at Wrigley Field.
While Livan Hernandez (3-4) was

getting rocked for 10 hits and 5 runs in seven innings on Wednesday night,

#### NL ROUNDUP

Wood (6-2) was rolling. He struck out nine batters and gave up five hits in eight innings as he won his fifth straight decision.

The Cubs (34-24) moved 10 games over .500 for the first time since finishing the 1989 season at 93-69 - the last time Chicago made the postseason.

Scott Servais hit a two-run double in the fourth to put the Cubs up 2-1 and Sosa hit his 16th home run of the year, and seventh in six games, to make it 4-1 in the fifth.

two home runs as bost San Francisco won its sixth straight. Shawn Estes (5-5) won his third straight decision, carrying a four-hit shutout into the seventh before the Reds touched him for five runs.

Johnson had three hits and is 14-for-38 with seven bome runs and 13 RBIs since coming off the disabled list May 20. Pirates 3, Mets o Jon Lieber out-

dueled Rick Reed with eight shutout innings, and Aramis Ramirez's first career hit belped bost Pittsburgh finish off a three-game sweep of New York. Ramirez was 0-for-24 in the majors before his two-run double in the seventh.

Lieber (3-7) allowed four hits in eight innings. Jason Christiansen pitched the ninth for his first save of the season.

Expos 3, Phillies 2 In Philadelphia, Robert Perez's two-ont RBI single in the eighth snapped a tie and helped Carlos Perez get his sixth straight victory.

Perez (6-3) gave up seven hits and two runs, walked none and struck out four in his second complete game of the season, Braves 5, Brewers 2 In Milwaukee,

Tom Glavine joined his Atlanta teammate Greg Maddux and Pittsburgh's Jason Schmidt as one the National League's three eight-game winners, allowing one run in 61/2 innings.

Glavine (8-2) allowed six hits and had six strikeouts in his fourth straight victory. Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth inning for his eighth save, completing the Braves' three-game sweep.

Rockies 3, Diamondbacks 2 In Den-r, Vinny Castilla hit a two-run homer, his 22d of the season, off Gregg Oison (1-3) in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Astros 8, Padres 2 Sean Bergman beat his former San Diego teammates for the first time, pitching a complete game and hitting a two-run single as Houston routed the host Padres. Bergman (5-3) allowed 10 hits and had five strikeouts.

Dodgers 7, Cardinals 4 In Los Angeles, Eric Karros had four hits, including a home run off Mark Perkovsek (3-2), and drove in five runs. Ramon Martinez (7-2) pitched seven strong innings for the Dodgers, allowing five hits

# Cuban's Dandy Debut

Refugee's Journey Ends at Yankee Stadium

By Buster Olney

NEW YORK - Before throwing bis first pitch for the Yankees, Orlando Hernandez stood behind the mound for several seconds and stared around the outfield at Yankee Stadium. These were moments to remember for Hernandez, the realization of a lifelong goal and the culmination of a hairowing journey that began six months ago with a risky escape from Cuba and ended last night on

baseball's grandest stage.

Hernandez, forbidden to play baseball in Cuba by officials who feared that he would defect, survived that trip in a makeshift sailboat in December and signed with the Yankees this spring training. He performed so well in the minor leagues that he was promoted in pitch at Yankee Stadium against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday night.

The crowd roared when he was introduced, cheered him when he walked to the mound and hurst out with more cheers wheo he struck out the game's first hitter. Quinton McCracken.

Hernandez left the game after seven innings, getting the victory as the Yankees won, 7-1. He gave up one run on five hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. The Yankees intended to return him to the minor leagues Thursday and recall him later in the season.

Known as El Duque, the nickname given to his father, Hernandez was a star on Cuba's national team. As a child, he has said, he rooted for the Yankees and hoped he could play in Yankee Stadium. His younger half-brother, Livan, defected from Cuba in 1995 and signed with the Florida Marlins. Livan Hernandez was a World Series hero for the Marlins last October.

Orlando Hernandez is the latest of a handful of defectors from Cuba who are slowly making an impact in the major leagues. Rey Ordonez, the New York Mets' shortstop, won a Gold Glove award last season for his defensive brilliance, and Rolando Arrojo of Tampa Bay has been one of the American League's best pitchers this season. After his brother's defection, Cuban

authorities suspected that Orlandowould also try to leave. So even though he was a star pitcher, they banned him. for life from the national team in Oc-

tober 1996. Other players who had defected, such as Livan Hernandez and Ordonez, had walked away while the national team was playing in other countries. Orlando'

Hernandez would not get that chance. After he was banned, Hernandez, who is 32 years old by some accounts. and 28 by his own, worked briefly in a psychiatric hospital, earning, be said, less than \$10 a month. He said that before Christmas, government officials visited him and warned him against any embarrassing action, because the Pope was scheduled to visit Cuba.

With that, Hernandez was determined to leave.

On the morning of Dec. 6, he and seven others, including his wife, Noris, Bosch, boarded a 20-foot sailboat made of scraps, carrying only several cans of processed meat, some fresh water and sugar, It'was a dangerous flight. Arrojo said Wednesday that while he was seeking to flee Cuba, he never considered aving on a boat.

After 10 hours, Hernandez and hisgroup landed on Anguilla Cay, a small eserted spit of land that belongs to the. Bahamas; for several days — Hernandez has been unclear whether it was, three or four — they huddled under a sail for warmth and survived on seaweed and conch. They were spotted by a-U.S. Coast Guard helicopter and transported to the Bahamas.

Hernandez was offered a visa by the United States, but be established residence in Costa Rica instead, a firsthand experience in capitalism; had he taken, up U.S. residence, he would have been subject to Major League Baseball's amateur draft and could negotiate only with the team that drafted him. But by going to Costa Rica, he became a free agent and could field offers from all teams:

The Yankees signed Hernandez on March 7 to a four-year, \$6.6 millioncontract - more than twice what execurives with other bidders said they

# Clemens Rights Himself

Roger Clemens pitched a four-bitter for his first complete game of the season and Shawn Green drove in two runs as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Detroit

Clemens (6-6), who bad lost three of his previous four starts, struck out 10 and walked none Wednesday night as

#### AL ROUNDUP

the host Jays ended a three-game losing streak and handed the Tigers their fourth consecutive loss.

Johns allowed four hits over 71/3 innings and Eric Davis had an RBI double as the resurgent Orioles won for the eighth time in 11 games.

Johns (2-1), back at full strength after a stint on the disabled list because of insomnia, didn't give up a hit until Damon Buford's leadoff single in the sixth. He has allowed only four earned runs in 2424 inspires in his less three strets. 241/2 innings in his last three starts.

Twins 3, Indians 2 Marty Cordova's two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning gave Minnesota a victory over visiting Cleveland.

Cleveland took a 2-1 lead in the sev-

enth when David Justice led off with his 11th borner of the season. But the Twins rallied in the eighth. White Sex 10, Royals 5 One night after.

brawling with the Anaheim Angels, the Kansas City Royals went down without Fight.
Wil Cordero went 4 for 5 with three

doubles and Magglio Ordonez had a career-high four runs batted in as visiting Chicago beat the Royals for their 10th straight victory in Kauffman Stadium. Angels 8, Mariners 1 In Seattle, Da-

mon Mashore triggered a five-run inning by hitting a tie-breaking homer off Chnck Finley pitched eight strong in-nings for Anaheim.

After Masbore's second bomer of the season broke a 1-1 tie, the Angelschased Johnson (5-4).

Rangers 16, Athletics 10 In Oakland. Juan Gonzalez and Luis Alicea bomered in a six-run fifth inning and Texas withstood Rickey Henderson's grand slam to beat the Athletics.

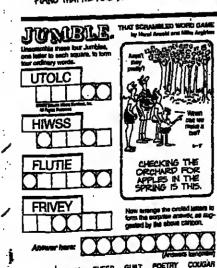
Aaron Sele, denied in his bid in become the majors' first nine-game winner, took a 12-6 lead into the bottom of the fifth, hot gave up three straight singles before Henderson connected..

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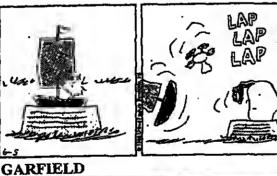


Stars' Victory Forces Game 6

DALLAS - Jamie Langenbrun- Osgood, the Red Wings' goalie. on

gave the Dallas Stars a 3-2 overtime first goal of the postseason.
victory over the defending Stanley "I was definitely surprised it went

ner's shot from beyond the blue line his stick side. It was Langenor

























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#### **POSTCARD**

# The Era of Pop Postage

By Patricia Leigh Brown

NEW YORK — In her 1923 classic book, "Etiquette," Emily Post observed dismissed by serious collect-that "older people invariably ors as "wallpaper" — may be feel that the younger generation is speeding swiftly on the road to perdition."

And so it is with stamps. image on an American stamp dedication, Bugs Bunny, the was unveiled, heralding
"Enquette." The stamp—of
a. 1920s place-setting with
Lafayette Towle silver, a goblet and hand-painted Copeland Spode china — is elegant and extremely proper (note the archaically correct placement of the salad fork, prongs up, next to the plate). But beneath that white damask tablecloth lurks a radical shift in the design and subject matter of these miniature snippets

of everyday Americana. In the not-so-recent past. "Etiquette" would have been depicted by - in the words of Terry McCaffrey, the senior art director at the U.S. Postal Service — a 'dead head.' a sober engraving of Emily Post's profile, not a stylish photograph worthy of a shelter magazine.

But today, in part to lure a generation for whom e-mail is mail, and facing competition with everything from faxes to the Internet, the Postal Service is looking to produce enterprises or products.' stamps that sell, pushing the But in a sign of how tasteful limits of stamp design. In the process, the

represent the 1960s, included ney, Ohio.

Medicare but also the twist, Woodstock, shopping malls and the Ford Mustang.

The most conspicuous ex-ample of stamps' new look in Times Square, where a tri-umphal billboard of the new Tweety and Sylvester stamp hangs from the Warner Broth-Last week, the first domestic ers Studio Store. At the recent first in the Looney Tunes' series of stamps whose initial printing of 300 million sold in a month, passed a mailbag to

> Local post offices have begun to resemble a Warner Brothers store, filled with Tweety and Sylvester hats, ties and other synergistic souvenirs. According to Azeezaly Jaffer, executive director of stamp services for the Postal Service, Warner Brothers, like other companies, provides images for the stamps royalty-free, but profits from mer-chandise are divided in an equitable split.'

The very mention of Bugs and Tweety has caused a phlap in the world of philately. As outlined by the Postal Service and the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Comminee, which reviews more than 40,000 stamp proposals a year, the official criteria for stamp selection says that stamps will not be issued to "honor commercial

But in a sign of how commercial stamps have become, they now have their own lobagency is becoming more bying blocks. Like a movie populist, designing stamps studio campaigning for that are adhesive pop icons. Oscars, Ford Motor Co. had For the second time (the ballots shipped to 500 Ford first was for Elvis), the Postal dealerships in an effort to se-Service has held a public ref- cure a stamp for the Mustang. erendum on stamps. The vote, according to Linn's Stamp offering figures and trends to News, a weekly based in Sid-

# In Fez, a Devoted Answer to Desert Storm

By Jon Pareles-

FEZ, Morocco — Under the giant keybole arch and the crenellated ramparts of Bab Mekina, one of the gates into this 1,000year-old city, and in the courtyard of the Batha Museum, once a sultan's palace, musicians from four continents gathered at the fourth Fez Festival of World Sacred Music to perform devotional songs, setting aside doctrinal differences to praise the divine.

nection that can be a question of what you think and don't think.

Voices sang the names of God in Arabic. Latin, Hebrew, French, Greek, Spanish, Turkish, Hindi, Italian, German, Gaelic, Farsi and English during the festival, presented here during the last week of May.

On opening night, an American opera singer, Barbara Hendricks, sang spirituals, sharing a bill with Monajat Yulcheva of Uzbekistan, who performed songs rooted in the Sufi tradition of mystical Islam. The last crossroads of so

concerts were by a gamelan group from lava and whirling dervishes from Turkey.

In between were performances of Greek Byzantine chants, Andalusian Jewish songs, Indian ragas, medieval cannigas from Spain and Celtic Christian music and songs from about spirituality, about the connections of Suffice and songs from various traditions of Sufism.

Fez was founded by a Sufi saint and is considered the spiritual heart of Morocco. It was a festival, by and large, of con-templative music, centered in meditative drones and finely detailed improvisations. The music kept returning to the human voice and the glides and quavers that are shared by cantorial singing, Koranic chant and plain-song; in Fez, the sound of praise was the sound of the melisma, a single syllable sustained through many notes. And for some performers, contemplation led to joyous release.

Mohammed Soussi, under the ruins of a

Roman arch in a concert at Volubilis, 30 miles (48 kilometers) outside Fez, sang classical Arabic poems called quasidas in music that gradually accelerated from stately call and response to ecstatic hand-clapping rhythms and blasts from six-foot-long trumpets.

The Fez festival is so unworldly that it doesn't even offer a souvenir T-shirt for sale. But it was created in response to a distinctly earthbound event: the Gulf War of 1991. "At the time, all the cultures were in great conflict because of the media," said Faouzi Skali, the festival's general director. "I was convinced it was important to have a direct meeting between people, not through the media."

Storm military campaign. The festival also included some concerts of Sufi music, and the response convinced Skali that "music

could be a very good medium," he said.
"With film, there is the problem of language. But with music there is a direct connection that can be larger and deeper. It's not

It is a direct experience of the Other." So be made the

next gathering a

fesoval. He chose sacred music, he said, because, "It is a tions between cultures about the identity of a culture.

Held in 1994, 1996, 1997 and 1998 each sacred-music festival has drawn laraudiences. This year, bus loads of New Age tourists from the United States and Europe sat alongside Mofrom Faouzi Skali, director of the Fez festival. roccans across the coun-

al markets, but no feeling, no passion, no beauty of spirituality and the traditions of the the heart of the listener.' sacred, it's just so strong and so deep that it reminds us of what we have lost.

The music this year came from Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The festival also inetween people, not through the media."

cluded films and academic symposiums on
His first effort was an international film subjects that included the cultures of India

thodox tradition that survives at the monastic arable from the profundity of faith.

festival in Fez in 1992; he called it Desert and Borobodur, the great Buddhist monu-Colloquium as a direct answer to the Desert ment in Java. But religions from Shinto to toned unison of European plainsong, but Colloquium as a direct answer to the Desert ment in Java. But religions from Shinto to Santeria also have remarkable music associated with them, and for the Fez festival in 2000 Skali hopes to have an even more ecumenical lineup, what he called "a great meeting of all traditions."

The festival is devoted to styles that date back through the centuries. These are an-

through time, said Gerard Kurdijan, the festival's artistic director, who chooses the musicians. live in a society in which time is understood as an obstacle. We want to communicate instantly. But these forms of music are full of time. They are old forms. but they are absolutely up-to-date. Most of the music at the festival was not

liturgical music

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try. "We have begun to discover what we are losing without spirituality." Skali said. those places, they lose their meaning. But the "Progress has given us computers and glob-al markets, but no feeling, no passion, no liturgical and ritual. The thread that links them flavor of life. Then when we discover the is the emotion that all these musics provoke it's

The festival's lineup might have been designed to argue that all sacred styles meet in the Middle East. The Byzantine Choir of Greece bridged Gregorian chant and Middle

soloists' voices took on the rougher timbres and microtooal turns of Arabic music.

Another European-Arabic link emerged when Begonia Olavide and the Mudejar Ensemble, a medieval-music group from Spain, performed cantigas written 400 to 700 years ago: the music moved between European polyphony and the stark single lines of Arabic music, backed by clay drum and oud Laude Novella, a medieval- and Renaiscient forms that

Laude Novella, a menieval and Kenais-sance-music trio from Sweden, performed "In Stadio Laboris," a song from ancient seminaries, with triple-time Middle Eastern-flavored rhythms; Ute Goedecke, its singer, used a nasal delivery akin to the sound of the oboe-like ghaita used in Morocco's jajouka music. It was a musicological coincidence: Goedecke said she had not heard jajouka before arriving in Morocco.

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Anuna, from Ireland, used the courtyard want to make of the Batha Museum for untiphonal effect. more things in a deploying singers all around the audience. Its shorter time; we arrangements of ancient songs, which used Far Eastern throat-singing for drones and added strangely jazz-tinged harmonies, were probably anachronistic, but the purity of the voices imbued the music with reverence.

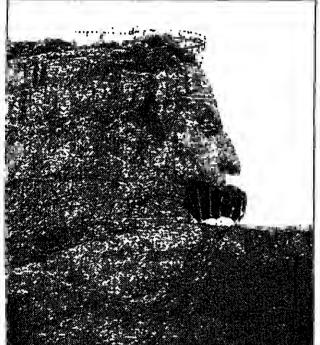
Albert Bouhadanna, a cantor from Morocco who now officiates at a synagogue in Paris, performed in a tradition called phyyour that was preserved by Jews in Morocco after they were expelled from Spain in the 15thcentury. Working with the Arabo-Andalus-ian Orchestra of Fez, he sang with a genteel intricacy in both Hebrew and Arabic.

But the most spectacular singing came from performers in the Sufi tradition. For many Westerners whose only exposure to Sufi mnsic has been the serene melodies of Turkish dervishes and the driving, flamboyant improvisations of the late Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. here were other points oo the spectrum.

Hussein al Azami, whose trip from Iraq to Fez began with a long taxi ride from Baghdad to Amman, Jordan, brought a rich, magisterial tone to classical Iraqi macams. groups of songs with pleoty of room for melodic ruminations.

And Alim Kassimov of Azerbaijan hurled his voice skyward, in grand arcs that merged fervor and control, making every delicate ripple or soaring phrase sound momentous. It was a festival of music by believers, but

not for believers alone. As virtuosity met devotion, the pleasure of music was inser-



A sheet covering Crazy Horse's face falls to the ground. The sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, worked mostly on the

S PECULATION that Geri Halliwell quit the Spice Girls for a television career may well be true. The BBC has confirmed that Halliwell—Ginger Spice—may get a role on an unnamed television show. The channels are open but there is nothing concrete." a BBC spokeswoman said. "The BBC is always so the leading for the leading in 1982 at age 74, and family members dark sunglasses, carrying guns and standing in front of the New York City skyline. The caption reads: "Protecting the little Bigham in 1876.

In the caption of the universe, "The BBC is in the BBC is in similar dress in front of a similar dress in front of the caption and the dress always on the lookout for top talent, if Geri was interested in doing something." Before joining the Spice Girls. Halliwell had a short-lived career as a hostess on Turkish television.

The artist Cesar is under investigation in Lyon oo suspicion of having overcharged for a sculpture in a fraudulent billing scheme with the businessman Henry Pichon, the daily Le Monde reported. The investigation involves "L'homme du Futur" ("Man of the Future"), a public sculpture near the Lyon Opera House.

The completed face of the colossal Crazy Horse Memorial was unveiled on Thunderhead Mountain in South Dakota, 50 years after the project began. The face, 87.5 feet by 58 feet (26.5 meters by 17.5 meters), was revealed in a ceremony that drew several hundred people. Work now begins on the war-rior's horse. The finished work will depict Crazy Hurse astride his horse, pointing to his sacred Black Hills. It's so big that all four presidents from nearby Mount Rushmore could fit inside Crazy Horse's head. The project began on June 3, 1948.

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Miramax must remove posters for Michael Moore's new documentary on corporate America. "The Big One," because they look too much like the ones for "Men in Black." a judge in Los Angeles ruled. The "Men in Black" poster features Will Smith and Tummy Lee Jones dressed in black, wearing

#### A Treasure Chest of Wodehouse

New York Times Service NEW YORK - He created Stiffy Byng, Stilton Cheeseright. Pongo Twistleton-Twistleton and Wooster, Jeeves and the Empress of Blandings. He was none other than P.G. Wodehouse. Now novels, autographed manuscripts, letters and other items associated with the prolific British humerist, who published more than 90 novels and short stories and wrote lyrics for musicals in collaboration with Cole Porter and the Gershwin brothers. are coming up for aucoon on June 26 at Sotheby's New York. More than 6.300 items from the estate of James Heineman, a New York publisher, are to be sold.

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A Russian spy agency says it has oo evidence that a woman romantically involved with Albert Einstein worked for Soviet intelligence. Nine of the scientist's receotly discovered letters to Margarita Konenkova, a Soviet woman with whom he had a wartime love affair, have been consigned to Sotheby's for sale. Konenkova was ideotified as a spy in "Special Tasks," the memoirs of the Soviet spymaster Pavel Sudoplatov, published in 1995. But the bead of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, General Yuri Kobaladze, told the Inwith Soviet intelligence.

Warsaw's Marriott botel proved to be an easy target for the stunt climber Alain Robert, who avoided security agents and scaled the 41-story glass tower using only his bare han J Upon reaching the top, Robert, dubbed the Spiderman for his climbing exploits, was detained for two hours by the police, then released. The Frenchman has climbed more than 30 skyscrapers, including the Empire State Building in New York City.



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